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EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

The Sharp Drop in Prices of Clothing, Dress-Goods and Shoes Comes Opportunely for Fall Shopping

AS great a contrariety of opinion as there was regarding the identity of the person "who killed cock robin" appears to exist as to the cause or causes that brought about the decline in the prices of clothing, dress-goods and shoes that has been in progress all summer. Interesting as is the discussion of the causes the happy result that men's and women's clothing can be had at much reduced prices this fall is still more interesting to the public as well as most heartily welcome.

It was predicted and confidently expected that shortly following the armistice prices would start on a downward course and pursue it steadily, even though gradually, until pre-war levels should be reached or approximated in due time. On the contrary war prices not only long outlasted the war but with no apparent reason therefor continued to rise apace even until late last spring. In the absence of a rational explanation of such an anomaly popular judgment denounced profiteering as the cause. And this judgment has been in a measure supported by the disclosures brought to light by Government investigations and prosecutions of certain proven profiteers, which show that profiteering, if not the sole cause, has been a factor in the raising of prices during, and especially since, the war.

But certain well-informed authorities, including the experts of the U. S. Treasury Department, warned that the people, and particularly those whose war-time earnings had risen by leaps and bounds, were much to blame in that their indulgence in previously unaccustomed extravagance tended to raise prices and offered the opportunity for and encouraged profiteering. This preaching after a while got under their skins to the extent that last spring and early summer the people rose en masse determined to put a stop to profiteering in clothes at least, and their purpose found expression through the "old clothes movement" and the formation of "overalls clubs." Like a penulium public opinion and action swung from one extreme to the other for the time being. Undoubtedly this threatening attitude of the public, in connection with other causes, had an influence in bringing about the present reduction in prices of clothing and shoes to figures that are low compared with those of last spring and in some cases below the cost of manufacture.

And this gives rise to another difference of opinion. Some express the belief that the downward grade will continue until prices approximate pre-war levels, while others assert that present stocks are selling at a sacrifice because dealers are overloaded and under necessity of turning goods into cash to pay their bills, and that when exhausted the new goods that will take their places on the shelves will have to sell at higher prices to yield a living profit and cover cost of production and transportation at present scales of wages and higher freight rates soon to go into effect; also that, because of so many factories being closed or operating on short hours or with a reduced number of hands there will be a shortage of goods which naturally will tend to higher prices.

We do not pretend to judge the situation or to predict otherwise than to point out that clothing and shoes are necessities that must be had, must be replenished in the near future at all events, and to suggest that it seems to be the part of thrift and prudence to do your fall and winter shopping early while you can buy at the present cut prices rather than take the chance of higher prices later in the season or even having to go without because of a possible shortage. And this applies to other lines than clothing and shoes, for there is a present shortage in nearly every line of manufactured product. There is a shortage of coal for manufacturing purposes, and transportation facilities are inadequate and uncertain. So if there is anything that you will need this fall or coming winter it appears to be advisable to buy or order now.

Railroad Workers Get Six Hundred Million Dollars Raise of Wages

EVERYBODY in this country has a personal interest in the wage increase amounting to six hundred and twenty-five million dollars a year granted the trainmen and other workers in the employ of the railroads by the award of the Railroad Labor Board in July, because this sum will have to come out of the pockets of the people and no one can possibly escape contributing his or her share of this large annual tax. In what we say we do not imply any criticism of the Railroad Labor Board's action. We simply state the facts and figures for the information of the people, who have to pay the bills, that they may judge whether or not the complaints and criticisms so freely made by the railroad employees because the full amount of their demands was not allowed are justifiable.

Last March, shortly following the return of the railroads by the Government to the corporations that owned them, the one million eight hundred and fifty thousand railroad employees demanded additional wage increases averaging five hundred and ninety dollars more pay per man and totaling eleven hundred million dollars yearly wage increase. The railroad managers declined the responsibility of considering so large a demand on the ground that any considerable raise of railroad wages would necessitate a corresponding raise of freight rates, and therefore passed the matter up to the Railroad Labor Board created by a recent act of Congress for the purpose of deciding such disputes by arbitration instead of by strikes. The members of the Board, nine in number, were appointed by President Wilson, and after an extended hearing of all parties interested awarded the increase above stated, which is about forty per cent. under the amount claimed.

Because they were not allowed the full amount of the increase demanded the railroad workers bitterly denounced the Board's decision and for a time there were mutterings of a strike, but saner counsels prevailed and after a while all the railroad labor unions, except one which is still undecided, concluded not to strike at this time but to accept the award under protest and to present and push fresh demands for a further raise of wages.

In announcing its award the Railroad Labor Board pointed out that the rights of the public had to be considered as well as the interests of the railroad workers and that the Board had sought to do justice to both. In this connection it should be remembered that the railroad men's wages have been advanced several times in recent years and that under Government control during the war they were very largely increased. Although the freight and passenger rates are already so high as to be burdensome, having been raised under Government management during the war, the railroads as a whole are not earning their operating expenses and have been running behind for the past two years at least. The Government operated the railroads a little over two years at a heavy loss, and according to the report of the U. S. Director General of Railroads the Government has been called upon to provide one billion eight hundred and seventy million dollars to cover the deficit and meet the expenses and obligations incurred by the U. S. Railroad administration, and this in spite of the higher transportation rates.

The U. S. Treasury is, at the present writing, still holding the railroads up, but this financial support ends with the last day of August, 1920, and after that they must sink or swim, survive or perish, as best they can on their own resources. For this reason it has been understood that freight rates would have to be raised before that date to enable the railroads to live and do business without Government aid, and the railroad managers had requested the Interstate Commerce

Commission to authorize a raise of transportation rates sufficient to produce necessary revenue to make the railroads self-supporting, including the recent raise of railroad men's wages.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized an increase of transportation rates to the amount of one billion five hundred million dollars a year, six hundred and twenty-five million of this being necessary to cover the recently awarded increase of railroad men's wages. To meet this bill the increases of rates are apportioned as follows: freight rates are increased 40 per cent. in New England, 25 per cent. in the South, 35 per cent. in the West; passenger fares are raised 20 per cent.; Pullman car rates are raised 50 per cent., and milk rates are advanced 20 per cent. These new rates will go into effect not later than September first.

This increase of railroad transportation rates is a tax on the people of this country, which, if equally distributed, amounts to about fifteen dollars a head per year on every man, woman and child, or seventy-five dollars a year on a family of five persons. The biggest part of the income of the railroads is derived from transporting freight, and you can't escape paying your share of the increased freight rates even if you never see a railroad. Practically everything in the market has paid at least one or more freight charges, which, of course, form a part of the cost and are added to the price of the article, if the market will stand it. In other words the consumer pays the freight unless market conditions are such that the producer has to pay it. The middle man never has to stand the freight. First or last he makes the producer or consumer pay it.

Government management exerted a demoralizing influence on the railroads, resulting in increased cost of operation and reduced efficiency, so that the country is suffering from lack of adequate transportation service. Now that the blighting effect of party politics has been lifted from their management by the return of the railroads to private ownership and control it is to be hoped that all the superfluous and inefficient employees will be weeded out. It is charged that under Government management it took ten men to do six men's work. One large railroad has eliminated twelve thousand unnecessary men from its pay-roll since the Government retired from the management. In return for the high transportation rates the people will demand better service and increased efficiency and economy in operating, which would to some extent offset the added expense of the increase of railroad men's wages.

The executive heads of the railroads have formed an association for the purpose of cooperation in devising and promoting more efficient and economical methods of operating, important among which are their plans to relieve the shortage of freight cars and locomotives by moving freight cars at least 30 miles a day instead of the Government's average of only 23.1 in 1919, and to speed up repairs on disabled locomotives and freight cars so to reduce the numbers that are out of commission. The railroad problem is one of the biggest and most pressing that we have to solve, for it involves the health, happiness and prosperity of the entire country and is a large factor in the cost of living.

There are two reasons why the railroads or any other business can not be conducted by the Government so efficiently or economically as by private enterprise: first, because of the taint of politics that pervades the public service and encumbers it with incompetent officials, and, second, because with the U. S. Treasury to draw on to cover losses there is lacking that spur to thrifty and progressive management without which a business dependent on its own resources would fail and soon cease to exist.

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"Para-Para! Come here quick! Did you ever see anything like that in all your life?"

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PROLOGUE.

THE CYCLONE'S MEMENTO.

A CURIOUS throng had gathered upon the straggling outskirts of a little prairie village. In the section to the right of the highway stood tents, their sides fluttering in the breeze. Occasionally could be heard the roar of a lion, or the trumpeting of an elephant, mingled with the hoarse shouts and calls of the men connected with the circus.

It was not time for the afternoon performance by an hour, and yet sombrero-crowned men, passing a whiskey-bottle from one to another, and men of more fashionable attire, women in calico gowns and sunbonnets, and women with hats of the latest style and of the most fashionable cut, stood side by side, waiting for the ticket-wagon to open its doors.

A few of the side-shows were already open to receive the never-to-be-neglected ten cents, and in a wagon to the left, around which a dense throng had gathered, a man was selling patent medicines, warranted to do everything under the sun, and assisting him was a boy, apparently about thirteen years of age, a handsome little fellow, with great dark eyes, almost too large for beauty, and a tanned face, with straight, Grecian nose, well curved at the nostrils, and a beautiful mouth and chin. He was quick, dexterous, and clever, and the man at the end of the wagon looked at him occasionally with an expression of love and admiration in his clear gray eyes.

Beneath the wagon was a queer-looking animal, which the men of the crowd in front were not long in recognizing as an ordinary Western coyote, but they considered him ordinary no longer when they observed the series of tricks through which he was put, and the grim manner in which he performed them.

If his master was an artist, then so, also, was the wolf, addressed as Nemo by the man and boy in the wagon.

The wagon was always opened as soon as the first guests of the circus began to arrive, but on this occasion, while the performance taking place there was even more entertaining than usual, the attention of the crowd seemed to wander.

An occasional anxious eye was cast upward, just as had been those of the men tightening the ropes of the tents.

A man with a long, scrawny neck and straggling gray hair, with a worn, sun-browned hat pushed back from his wrinkled face, muttered audibly, while his eyes were cast anxiously upward:

"I'm danged if it don't look like a cyclone 't me. There's the funnel, jist like that'n that rid-dled the town in '74. 'Peers to me it's a-comin' mighty fast, too."

He was speaking to himself, but those about him heard and followed his weather-eye anxiously. It was not time for the ticket-wagon to open, but the ticket-seller hurried into it, and began to shout hoarsely to the crowd to "walk right this way and purchase tickets for the greatest show on earth."

A few people, bent upon remaining, went forward, purchased their seats, and disappeared within the tent, but more remained outside, gazing half-fearfully upward and awaiting developments.

The huge, black belt across the sky was deepening and widening.

The thunder was rolling louder and longer, while the roars of the lions and the trumpeting of the elephants were growing deafening.

Even the coyote under the patent-medicine wagon growled and licked the sides of his mouth with his long, slender tongue.

Para, the patent-medicine vender, who was also an animal tamer when the "show" had begun, stepped close to the boy and whispered:

"As sure as you live there is a cyclone coming, and it is making directly for us!"

Scarcely had the words been uttered than a heavy roll of thunder was followed by a terrific downpour of tremendous hailstones, swept by a fierce wind, which sent them against the terrified people with a force that almost knocked them from their feet.

The people disappeared as if by magic, and had barely done so when the tents were ripped like strips of ribbons from their fastenings, secure as they had been made.

Animal cages were overturned, while the frightened brutes crouched closely to the ground, trumpeting and bellowing, yet too badly frightened to make an effort to escape.

Great holes were torn in the ground, and such trees as there were within range of the tornado's path were ripped up by the roots and tossed aside as if of too little moment to be worth further consideration.

Para, the man in the wagon, had leaped out, and, seizing the boy by the waist, had lifted him up as he might have done an infant, springing to the side of the road and throwing himself on top of the boy into a trench which the villagers had been digging for draining purposes.

Within fifteen minutes the wind had ceased, and the sun was shining down weakly upon the wreckage that had been wrought, as if half-ashamed of the terrific calamity that had befallen the village while his face had been concealed.

Para arose and shook himself, lifting the boy from the ground.

"Are you hurt?" he inquired anxiously.

"No," the boy answered. "Where is Nemo?"

Para glanced around him.

The tents had mostly disappeared. Some small portions of them were scattered about like spots of trampled snow upon the prairie.

The animal-cages were mostly all flat, with the exception of half-a-dozen that had stood just outside the path of the storm.

Para's wagon had been blown at least a hundred yards from where it had been when he left it, but, singularly enough, had not been overturned, and as he looked he uttered a long exclamation.

"See, Rudolph!" he cried, in a low tone. "The wagon is safe, and there under it is Nemo, licking his chops as if nothing under heaven could disturb his equanimity."

Even before the speech had been finished, Rudolph, the boy, had broken from Para's restraining hand, and had leaped forward with long, athletic strides to where the wagon stood.

As he reached it he paused suddenly, gazing downward in stupid astonishment; then he cried loudly:

"Para-Para! Come here, quick! Did you ever see anything like that in all your life?"

With a quick bound, Para reached his side; then he, too, stopped in amazed bewilderment and gazed downward.

The wolf growled, but settled down as Para spoke to him, crouching at his master's feet.

And what the three gazed upon was as strange a sight as ever mortal eyes could meet under wild and sad circumstances like those. It was a little golden-haired baby girl, lying upon a pillow white as newly-fallen snow, soundly sleeping!

She had been blown directly under the wagon, and the wolf had remained on guard as sentinel.

After that moment of dense, breathless silence, Para raised her, still upon the pillow, and placed her in the wagon gently.

She did not stir. Her baby cheeks were still flushed with sleep, her fluffy, golden curls slightly tossed by the wind.

"How frightened her poor mother will be!" exclaimed Para gently. "She is a lady's child, poor little angel, and so pretty that even the storm had not the heart to injure her. I wonder if it would have been kinder not to have spared you, little one? Life is a hard thing for even the strongest of us."

He sighed slightly, then turned his attention to his late companions.

They were in a sad enough plight to require all the assistance that could be given them, for those that still lived were nearly all more or less injured, some with broken limbs, others bruised and bleeding, while half the animals they possessed were killed.

The other half required immediate attention to prevent another outbreak almost as bad as the hurricane had been; and, recognizing it at once, the men turned their attention to them, and worked determinedly, knowing they would have ample time to consider their own deplorable condition when all the danger had passed.

But as Para and Rudolph worked side by side, a long, dismal wail reached them, and, dropping their work simultaneously, they sprang to the side of their wagon.

The storm's gift was sitting up, both her small hands rubbed into her pretty eyes, while the dainty lips were puckered into a wailing cry.

As she saw them, however, she stopped crying instantly, and smiled, bringing all the little childish dimples about her mouth into play, and calling out in sweet, baby prattle:

"Dahfy is hung'ry. Dahfy want mi'k. Dahfy is tired of de choo-choo car."

Man and boy looked at each other in amazement.

"What does she mean by that?" gasped Rudolph.

"I'm afraid it means that we are in for it!" explained Para ruefully. "For a time, anyway. She says she is hungry, and that she is tired of the train, which evidently means that the little lady has been traveling. Now, where is her mother? And what are we to give her to eat? What does a baby like that eat?"

"Mi'k!" announced the child triumphantly.

"Which is baby for milk," translated Para.

"But where are we to get any?"

"In the car," cried Rudolph.

Para glanced at him, and then turned sorrowfully, reproachfully toward the railroad track. The car was splintered. There was a moment of silence, then Rudolph exclaimed:

"Everything can't be destroyed. Give me some money. I'll scamper up to the village and see what I can get. All right, Dahfy. I'll get you something to stuff that little empty stomach with in a jiffy."

He took the quarter which Para had produced from his pocket, and was off like a flash.

Para turned to the wolf as if he had been a human being.

"Nemo," he said quietly, "take care of that baby. If you hurt her, you are a dead animal. Baby, play with the—er—doggie until Rudolph comes with your milk. Do not cry now, and you will get it if it is to be had."

Then Para returned to his work among his comrades.

The Santa Fe limited had been blown from the track. Many were killed and many more injured, and as no one came to claim the baby that had been deposited in Para's wagon, they arrived at the conclusion that her parents had been killed, and that no one knew of her existence. They



Quicker than thought, she was upon him, her long claws buried in his flesh.



Someone lifted her up.

He sprang away from her and entered the performing-tent, just as another man emerged from a dressing-room. He, too, was dressed in tinsel, and carried a long whip in his hand.

He smiled at sight of Dorothy in her dainty, girlish beauty. It was not a good smile, but rather one that would have caused Rudolph to grind his teeth in rage.

"Good afternoon, Mistress Dorothy," he exclaimed, pausing beside her.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Hastings. Have the whole company new dresses for this occasion? Para has, and Rudolph, and now I see you have one. It is very pretty."

"Thank you! That repays me for the expense, I assure you."

She looked up at him in amazement. There was an expression that was new upon his face.

"Dorothy," he began excitedly. "I have loved you since the very first day that I joined this company and met you, and you have grown into my heart with each hour. Will you be my wife, darling?"

He slipped his arms around her, but she shrank back, her countenance expressing surprise, almost loathing.

"No," she answered disdainfully. "I shouldn't even think of such a thing."

"But I love you!" he urged.

"Oh, no; you are quite mistaken. Indeed you are. Why, I have only spoken to you as a mere matter of politeness. Please don't ever refer to the subject again, Mr. Hastings. It is most distasteful to me."

The haughtiness of the speech angered him. What right had she to speak like that—she, a mere nobody, a dependent upon the bounty of Para and Rudolph?

He caught her by the arm as she would have left him, and forcibly turned her face toward him.

"You don't know what you are saying!" he exclaimed indignantly. "I am one of the most famous riders of the day, and you have no right to look down upon my suit—no right to speak to me as you have done. You have refused me today, but before the end of a year you will come to me and consent most willingly to become my wife. Remember that. Philip Hastings has never broken his word!"

He slipped his arms quickly about her waist and kissed her full upon the lips.

And then she did that which cost her many days of deepest anguish, many nights of unutterable woe.

She raised her strong, athletic hand and struck him full across the mouth, a ring upon her finger striking against his lip and causing the blood to flow.

Philip Hastings' arm dropped from about her. They looked each other squarely in the eye, and, despite her rage, she trembled.

She knew that she had made a bitter, implacable enemy that would last throughout her life.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACCIDENT BEFALLS PARA.

What the immediate result of that blow might have been will never be known, for before the fierce anger had died from Philip Hastings' eyes, Para entered the tent.

He had turned his head to call back to one of his associates, and as his laughing voice rang out, Hastings slipped through the flap and left Dorothy alone with the only father she had ever known.

Her countenance cleared in an instant as she took Para by the shoulders and stood him off to look at him.

"Oh, my!" she exclaimed delightedly. "how magnificent you look! Oh, you extravagant and vain individual! What a princely sum that gorgeous costume must have cost! And don't you look just too lovely! The first thing you know, Para, one of these fine ladies who patronize us will be running away with you. Then what would become of Rudolph and me?"

He patted her cheek lovingly and kissed her between the eyes.

"The danger will not be of my leaving you, but of your leaving Rudolph and me," he answered more seriously than she had spoken. "Some day you will be getting married."

She laughed lightly.

"Not much chance. I never see any one but the circus men, and you have forbidden my having anything to do with them. Para, why did you ever join the circus, when you feel so strongly against it?"

His face changed instantly. A dreamy expression crossed it, and sadness filled the gentle eyes. He kissed her hair tenderly.

"Circumstances, little one," he answered vaguely. "Circumstances are responsible for so much in this life, dear. If anything should ever happen to me, I have tried to provide for you so that 'circumstances' will never drive you into anything. Rudolph knows. God bless you, dear little Dahfy. I wonder if a daughter was ever dearer to a father than you to me?"

He didn't wait for her reply, but slipped out of the tent, as if he were afraid of being mastered by his emotions.

The circus servants were putting securely in place a great cage that was fastened over one of the rings and extended far back over an entrance that led to another tent. They took unusual precautions, and while the band played the vast audience watched them with breathless in-

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A Cry From the Canadian Hills

Laddie, little laddie, come with me over the hills,
Where blossom the white May lilies and the dog-wood and daffodils,
For the spirit of spring is calling to our spirits
That love to roam,
Over the hills of home, laddie, over the hills of home.

Laddie, little laddie, here's hazel and meadow rue,
And wreaths of the rare arbutus abloom for me and you,
And cherry and bilberry blossoms, and hawthorn as white as foam,
We'll carry them all to mother, laddie, over the hills at home.

Laddie, little laddie, the winds have many a song,
And blithely and bold they whistle to us as we trip along,
But your own little song is sweeter, your own wit hits merry thrills,
So whistle a tune as you go, laddie, over the windy hills.

Laddie, little laddie, 'tis time that the cows were home,
Can you hear the kingle-klangle of their bells in the greenwood gloam?
Old Rover is waiting, eager to follow the trail with you,
Whistle a tune as you go, laddie, whistle a tune as you go.

Laddie, little laddie, there's a flash of a bluebird's wing,
Oh, hush! If we wait and listen we may hear him caroling,
The vesper song of the thrushes and the plaint of the whippoorwill,
Sweet, how sweet is the music, laddie, over the twilight hills.

Brother, laddie, brother, your childhood is passing by,
And the dawn of a noble purpose I see in your thoughtful eye,
You have many a mile to travel and many a task to do,
Whistle a tune as you go, laddie, whistle a tune as you go.

Laddie, soldier laddie, a call comes over the sea,
A call to the best and bravest in the land of Liberty,
To shatter the despot's power, to lift the weak that fall,
Whistle a tune as you go, laddie, to answer your country's call.

Brother, soldier brother, the spring has come back again,
But her voice from the windy hilltops is calling your name in vain,
For never shall we together 'mid the birds and blossoms roam,
Over the hills of home, brother, over the hills of home.

Laddie, laddie, laddie, somewhere in France you sleep,
Somewhere with alien lilies and alien winds that weep,
Bravely you marched to battle, nobly your life laid down,
You unto death was faithful, laddie, yours is the victor's crown.

Laddie, laddie, laddie, how dim has the sunshine grown,
And mother and I together speak softly in tender tone,
And the lips that quiver and falter have ever a single theme,
As we list for your dear lost whistle, laddie, over the hills o' dream.

Laddie, beloved laddie, how soon should we cease to weep,
Could we glance through the golden gateway, whose keys the angels keep?
Yet love, our love that is deathless, can follow you where you roam,
Over the hills of God, laddie, the beautiful hills of Home.

SOMEWHERE IN ILLINOIS.

HELLO EVERYBODY:
Don't you just love the summer and early fall days and isn't this old world glorious? There's plenty of sunshine to go round even if some do refuse their share, but I accept mine with a smile, but I must admit I'm a wee bit scared now as this is my first letter to the Sisters' Corner. I love COMFORT and all the sisters, and brothers, too, even Bachelor Bill.
I agree with Bobby of Wisconsin, stay single while in your teens. I intend to. If you were here with me this evening, Bobby, we'd sit in the hammock under

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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

IT would have seemed much wiser on the part of our childhood friend, Little Jack Horner, to have picked out a raisin instead of a plum when he risked burned fingers just to show how brave he was. Fat, juicy raisins are infinitely more worth while risking burned fingers for than are plums and if some kind person had told Jack how nourishing and appetizing they were, he surely would have made a different choice. Following are some raisin recipes that have been sent in from time to time by the sisters.—Ed.

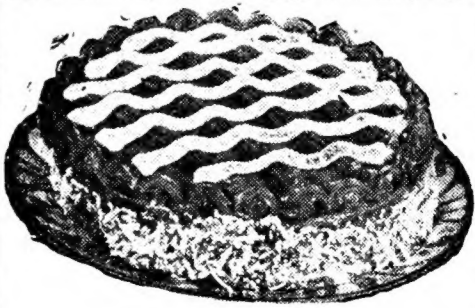
RAISIN PUDDING.—Put three ounces of beef suet through meat chopper a couple of times and then work it with wooden spoon until creamy. Put three quarters pound of raisins through food chopper twice and add to suet and blend well together. Have ready two and one half cups of bread-crumbs that have soaked half-an-hour in three quarters cup of milk. To the crumbs add two eggs, well beaten, one cup of sugar and a little salt, about half a teaspoonful. Add this to raisin mixture. Butter mould, and fill two thirds full of mixture and steam three hours. Serve with Foamy Sauce.

FOAMY SAUCE.—Beat the yolk of one egg until thick and of light color; add gradually two thirds cup of powdered sugar, beating all the while. Mix one quarter teaspoon powdered sugar with one and one half teaspoons of corn-starch and one quarter teaspoon salt and add gradually one half cup of scalded milk. Cook in double boiler until mixture thickens. To this add the yolk of egg and flavor with two teaspoons of lemon. When ready to serve add the stiffly-beaten white of egg.

RAISIN CHOCOLATE PIE.—Mix one tablespoon of flour to a smooth paste with one quarter cup of milk. Add one ounce of melted chocolate, one teaspoon of butter, four tablespoons chopped raisins, three tablespoons of sugar, one quarter teaspoon salt and three quarters cup of milk. Cook in double boiler until thick; then add two well-beaten eggs and one teaspoon of lemon. Pour into baked crust and set in hot oven until firm.

RAISIN LAYER CAKE.—One tablespoon of softened butter creamed with one cup of sugar. Add two well-beaten eggs, one tablespoon of cold water and one teaspoon of vanilla and beat all together with the egg beater. Sift together one and one half cup of sifted flour, one half teaspoon of soda and one teaspoon of cream of tartar, and add it alternately with one half cup of sweet milk. Beat hard and bake in shallow tins.

FILLING.—Cook until quite thick one and one half cups of brown sugar, three tablespoons of heavy cream



RAISIN LAYER CAKE.

or two of butter, one square of cooking chocolate, one third of a cup of sweet milk and two thirds cup of finely chopped raisins. Stir very frequently to prevent scorching. Add one tablespoon of vanilla, beat a few minutes and spread between cakes. This amount of filling is sufficient for a layer over the top, or a chocolate icing crossed with strips of plain white may be used. A garnish made by sprinkling the soft frosting with shredded coconut is attractive.

RAISIN CAKE.—Cream half a cup of butter and one cup of sugar together, beat in the yolks of two eggs, the grated rind and juice of one lemon and stir well together. Into this sift three cups of flour and three tablespoons of baking powder, then add the whites of two eggs, beaten stiff. To this add as many chopped raisins as the mixture will hold. Roll thin, adding more flour if necessary, place in buttered baking tin and bake in quick oven.

RAISIN PUFFS.—One quarter cup sugar, one half cup milk, one teaspoon of cream of tartar, one half teaspoon of soda, one egg, one cup of flour, one half cup chopped raisins, small piece of butter. Steam thirty minutes in cups. To be served with following sauce:

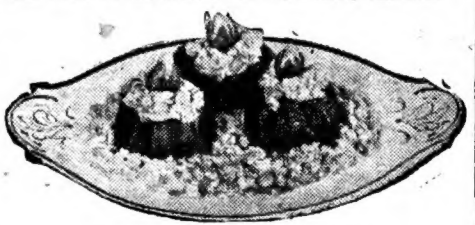
PUDDING SAUCE.—Two thirds cup sugar, and one tablespoon flour mixed well with sugar, then add one cup of boiling water, allowing it to boil till transparent. Remove and add a piece of butter half the size of an egg or less. Beat thoroughly to prevent it appearing on top. Flavor with vanilla.

RAISIN CAKE.—One cup sugar, one quarter cup butter, three eggs, one half cup molasses, one half teaspoon soda dissolved in one half cup sour cream, three cups flour, one cup chopped raisins, one half teaspoon cassia, one half teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon essence lemon.

RAISIN FILLING.—Two coffee cups sugar, two thirds cup milk, butter size of an egg; boil together until thick like caramel. Add one cup raisins stoned and chopped and beat until cold. Chopped walnuts may be used with vanilla flavoring.—M. E. H., Everett, Mass.

APPLES STUFFED WITH RAISINS.—Wash, core and remove most of pulp from ten large apples. Through a food chopper put two cups of raw apples, one and one half cups of seeded raisins and add one tablespoon of lemon juice. Fill the apple shells with this mixture and place on buttered baking tin. Make a sauce of one cup of water, three quarters cup of sugar and one tablespoon of butter. Pour this over the apples and bake in moderate oven half an hour.—Miss V. M. H., Oregon.

STUFFED PEPPERS WITH RICE.—Take four medium-sized, fresh green peppers; cut a slice from the top, saving it to replace. Remove all seeds, and soak twenty minutes in a quart of water to which one and one half tablespoons of salt have been added. Rinse in cold water, press in filling and replace top, securing it with a toothpick. Place in a baking pan with a little water in the bottom and bake thirty minutes.



STUFFED PEPPERS AND RICE.

FILLING.—An equal part of minced ham or chicken and toasted bread-crumbs; about two thirds of a cup of each. Add two teaspoons of minced onion, a little fresh tomato, two tablespoons of melted butter unless the ham is fat, and salt and pepper to taste. Serve in a bed of steamed or boiled rice, with a little on top of each pepper, and top with a cut radish.

CEREAL WITH RAISINS.—Cook your favorite breakfast food in usual manner and, just before serving, stir in one cup of seeded raisins to one quart of breakfast food. Serve with cream.

TO STONE RAISINS.—Pour boiling water over them and let them stand five or ten minutes, drain and rub between thumb and finger till seeds come out, then chop, if wanted fine.

CREAM CHEESE AND RAISIN SANDWICHES.—Mash cream cheese and moisten with salad dressing. Have bread cut in thin slices, graham bread is better, butter and spread with the cream cheese and cover with a sprinkling of finely chopped raisins. Press the slices of bread together and toast before serving. Chopped walnuts add to this wonderfully. If used, they should be spread over the raisins.

RAISIN SANDWICHES.—Chop one cup each raisins and walnuts together and mix with salad dressing. Spread between thin slices of buttered bread.—Mrs. L. E. D., San Antonio, Texas.



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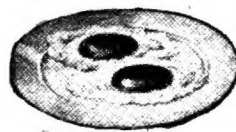
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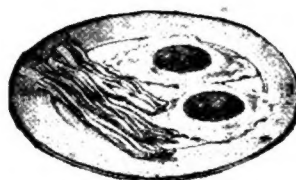
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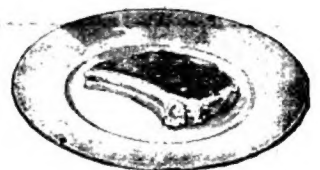


With bacon—14c

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

CONCLUSION.

A FEW days' rest together with the tonic of her great new happiness, served to do much toward restoring Violet to her old, sweet, bright self, and the first time she was able to sit up, she insisted upon being wheeled into Mr. Lawrence's room to pay him a visit.

He greeted her with all a parent's affection, and she expressed her gratitude and pleasure in being once more "at home."

"I did not know how dear it had become to me, until I was forced to remain away," she said, while the tears started to her eyes.

"It is a great comfort to me to hear you say that, dear," replied Mr. Lawrence, tenderly patting the hand that he was holding. "And now," he added, smiling archly, "how about that adoption business?—you are going to belong to me whether you will or not."

"How so?" Violet questioned.

"I suppose that Wallace has told you of the relationship that exists between us."

"Yes, he has told me that his mother was your cousin."

"And one would think that gave me but a doubtful claim upon you, eh?" said her companion, playfully. "Well, dear, it at all events makes him nearest of kin, and half of all my possessions have been willed to him—the other half is to go to a certain little lady whom I would be glad to have sign some papers which I have had prepared."

"I will sign them, dear Mr. Lawrence," Violet said, with one of her charming smiles—"not for the 'possessions,' mind you," she interposed, with an independent toss of her small head and smiling archly, "for I am to have a fortune of my own now, you know; but for the privilege of being a real daughter to you. Who would ever have imagined that your nearest of kin would have turned out to be my—husband?" she concluded, with a pretty blush over that last word.

Every day after that she went in to sit with him, cheering him with her bright presence, ministering to him in a hundred ways, and always reading for an hour or more from his papers or some interesting book.

One afternoon, while so engaged, a servant brought her a card saying there was a lady below who wished to see her.

Violet blushed, though she also smiled with pleasure as she saw the name of "Agnes Humphrey" engraved upon its polished surface.

She arose and went slowly down-stairs, wondering how she should meet Miss Humphrey—wondering if she knew that she had once been pledged to marry Lord Cameron.

She was not long left in doubt as to the greeting she was to receive from that young lady, for Miss Humphrey arose as she entered the room and came forward with both hands outstretched, and when she reached her she put her arms around her and kissed her upon the lips.

"You will perhaps think me guilty of great familiarity, Mrs. Richardson," she said, flushing after the impulsive act, "but truly I could not help it; I am so glad, and so sorry, and so delighted."

They both laughed outright now, over this eager contradiction of terms, and then Miss Humphrey continued:

"It is every word true," she said; "I am 'so glad' to know you—I have wanted to make your acquaintance ever since that day when you thanked me so sweetly for coming here to sing; and I am 'so sorry' for all the sorrow and trouble that you have had to bear—you perceive I know all about you, as I suppose, you know all about me," she interposed, blushing, while she searched the fair, sweet face before her.

Violet nodded and smiled.

"I am very glad. I hoped I should not have to explain," said Miss Humphrey, "and now I am 'so delighted' that you are Mr. Richardson's wife and that you will both be happy again after your long separation. Now, isn't this the queerest introduction you ever had in your life?" the charming little lady concluded, with a bright, sweet laugh that found its way straight into the depths of Violet's loving heart.

"It is the very nicest one in the world," she said, her fingers closing more firmly over the daintily gloved hand which she held, "and it is very good of you to come to see me in such a friendly, informal way. I have had scarcely a friend, save Mr. Lawrence, since I came to New York."

"You will not lack in that respect after this, you may be very sure," responded Miss Humphrey, "for I am going to take you under my wing during the little time I remain at home"—this with another blush—"and introduce you to all my most desirable acquaintances. And—and I have one dear friend who is very anxious to see you."

"You mean Lord Cameron?" Violet said, gravely, while she grew pale with repressed feeling, as she remembered the last time she saw him, "but I am afraid I do not deserve that he should think kindly of me."

"Why—because your intuitions warned you that you would be doing wrong to keep your pledge with him? Dear Mrs. Richardson," she added, as she saw the look of pain on Violet's face, "let us talk this out freely. Vane has told me every thing, and I assure you I am not in the least sensitive over anything that has occurred in the past; I hope I am sensible enough to consider anything in its true light. I know how you went away from Mentone, and though it was, of course, a dreadful shock to everybody at the time, they were all only too thankful afterward, when Mr. Richardson came and explained that you were his wife, and that you had been deceived regarding his death. Vane was very much grieved, too, when he realized how you had been treated. He cherishes only the kindest of feelings toward you, and Lady Cameron loves you dearly."

"Lady Cameron! Is she here in New York?" Violet asked, surprised.

"Yes, and I was to ask you if she might come to see you tomorrow?"

Wallace had not thought to tell her this. "Yes, indeed—she is very kind," Violet answered, eagerly, and with starting tears, for she was deeply touched by this mark of the beautiful woman's enduring affection. "I loved Lady Cameron very much, and I know, Miss Humphrey, you will enjoy her company exceedingly; what a blessing it must be to have such a mother!" the fair young wife concluded, with a sigh.

"She is perfectly delightful, and I am sure, I am very grateful that, since I must leave my own mother, I am to find another one so congenial in every way," and there were tears in Miss Humphrey's eyes now; for in spite of her flattering prospects it was going to be no light trial to leave her own home and friends.

She spent an hour with Violet, and every moment only served to increase and strengthen their respect and regard for each other.

"You will be my friend, will you not?" Miss Humphrey pleaded, wistfully, when she finally arose to go, and extending her hand for a parting clasp.

Violet grasped it warmly. "I could not resist you if I would," she said, earnestly, "and I am sure I shall love you dearly."

Agnes Humphrey laughed out happily at this. "After such an assurance of that I feel at liberty to tell you that Lord Cameron and I have the most delightful plan in the world to propose to you and Mr. Richardson a little later," she said, gaily. "But I must not stay longer now—I shall come again, however, in a few days."

"Do," Violet returned eagerly. "I shall be so glad to have you."

"And may I tell Vane that you will be glad to see him also?"

"Yes," Violet answered, but her face grew very grave.

She dreaded the first meeting with Lord Cameron more than she could express.

Miss Humphrey read something of her feeling, but smiled to herself as she thought that her betrothed would smooth everything when he came. She then took an affectionate leave of Violet, and went away, but leaving a ray of sunlight behind her that was very cheering to her new friend.

Lord Cameron called that evening, and Violet saw him in the presence of her husband.

He spoke out at once, freely and frankly, of their sad experience at Mentone, expressing his gratitude for their escape from what would have been a life-long sorrow to them both. His only regret was, he said, that she had not felt free to confide in him, trusting to his reverence for her wishes—his earnest desire for her happiness, and thus saved herself from the lonely life of toll that had followed her flight.

"And now, Violet," he said, in conclusion, "I hope you will henceforth allow me to regard you as a dear friend—a sister, if you will, for I have already conceived a brother's love for this noble fellow who is your husband, and I most earnestly desire to merit at least the esteem of his wife."

"You are worthy of my deepest reverence," Violet said, her eyes swimming in tears as she gave him her hand. "I am proud and grateful to know that you wish to be my friend, and I am more glad than I can tell you that your future is so full of promise; Miss Humphrey is charming—lovely."

"Indeed she is, Violet," Lord Cameron returned, his face lighting with pleasure at her words of praise for his betrothed; "and I am very much delighted by your mutual regard for each other. Agnes told me that she gave you a hint of a plan that we had to propose to you; it was almost too bad to excite your curiosity and then

"You will not be absent more than a month," he said, "and I am sure you will bring brighter roses in your cheeks when you come back; besides, I have some plans of my own to attend to while you are gone."

About the first of April Wallace took his wife to Cincinnati, where they had no difficulty in securing the property that had been left to her, and where she also spent a few happy days with Nellie Bailey.

On her return Violet tried to find Mrs. Mencke, but she had disappeared from the room she had occupied when she had stumbled upon her so strangely, and no one could tell where she had gone.

Wilhelm Mencke was tried for the crime of abduction, found guilty, sentenced to six years of hard labor at Sing Sing.

Meantime Violet had not forgotten Sarah.

As soon as she became able to drive, she and Wallace paid her a visit, and found her earning a scant living by making overalls. Her husband had died in a drunken fit, only a few days after Violet's release, so life was not quite so hard for her, since there were only two of them now to be supported. The little cripple, "Johnnie, poor boy," as she always spoke of him, was a delicate, pretty child, very bright and intelligent, and Violet at once became deeply interested in him. She provided amply for their needs for the present and promised upon her return from Europe to make some permanent provision for her.

We may as well say here that three months later Sarah was the proprietor of a modest fancy goods store, and from that time on made a respectable living for herself and child, while she always regarded Violet as her patron saint.

A visit was paid to the good-natured Irish girl who had mailed Violet's letter to Mr. Lawrence, and she received a fifty-dollar note, as a testimonial of Violet's gratitude for the efficient service.

The hardest hunt of all was for the dumb plumber; but he was found at last, through Sarah's efforts, and amply rewarded for the loss of his pincers.

The wedding of Lord Cameron and Miss Agnes Humphrey was a brilliant affair.

The marriage ceremony was performed in the church where Miss Humphrey had so long delighted people with her entrancing voice, and it was most artistically decorated for the occasion by her numerous friends.

The bride was beautiful in ivory satin and point lace, with a chaplet and bouquet of exquisite white orchids, the flowers being the gift and worn at the request of the other members of the quartette with whom she had been accustomed to sing.

The reception afterward was delightful, and conspicuous among the friends of Lord Cameron were Violet and her noble husband. Violet was

to conquer even this perverse spirit in time. Six years passed, and the most perfect harmony prevailed in Mr. Lawrence's stately mansion on Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Davis still retained her position of housekeeper, and thus relieved Violet, who was a most devoted mother to the three little ones who came to claim her care and love.

Lawrence, the eldest, was the especial pride and joy of the genial man for whom he was named. Agnes Bertha was a fairy-like little girl, with blue eyes and golden hair, but in whose features there was a remarkable blending of father and mother, while Vane, the baby—a sturdy little fellow—bade fair to be a second Wallace.

It was an ideal home, a happy, charming family, and Wallace and his young wife strove from the first to rear their God-given treasures to honor, truth, goodness and nobility of purpose above everything else in the world, and to regard wealth and position as of secondary importance in the great aim of life.

One day Wallace came home from his office, a cloud upon his usually genial face.

"What is it, dear?" asked Violet, who was quick to notice every change upon that loved countenance.

"I met Wilhelm Mencke upon the street today," he answered, gravely.

"Ah! then he is out of—" and Violet shivered slightly as she abruptly paused.

"Yes, he left Sing Sing about a month ago. I did not mention it, dear, because I did not like to revive unpleasant memories. I commissioned a friend to find him some light employment, but the man would not work," Wallace returned.

"I wonder if Belle knows anything about him?" Violet said, musingly.

"I think not; I have known where he lived, and—in fact, I did not like to have the man suffer, and so kept track of him," Wallace replied, flushing slightly, for he did not often mention his charities even to his wife.

"What a good man my husband is!" said Violet, bending to touch his brow with tremulous lips, "but there is something more to tell me, is there not?" she asked, for her loving eye saw that the cloud did not lift from his face.

"Yes, Violet, the man is dead!"

"I thought so," she said, quietly, but her voice trembled a little over the words. "Now tell me how?"

"He laydied me this morning as I was going to the office—he was very much under the influence of liquor, and demanded money from me. I would not give it to him, but told him to come with me and I would give him a good breakfast. He immediately flew into a towering rage, fell in a fit upon the sidewalk, and in ten minutes expired."

It was even so. Wilhelm Mencke had served his time in prison, then returned immediately to his old habits. He would not work, but lived upon Wallace's bounty, though he spent nearly everything upon drink, without experiencing the slightest feeling of shame at being thus dependent.

Wallace had determined, previous to meeting him upon this morning, not to give him any more money, but had planned for a comfortable and permanent home for him, so that he would not suffer for the necessities of life.

This benevolent scheme was frustrated by his sudden death.

He immediately assumed the responsibility of caring for his remains, gave orders that every outward show of respect be accorded them, and then personally notified Mrs. Mencke of what had occurred.

Violet went to her immediately and showed her every kindness which her tender heart could suggest, and, with her husband, accompanied her as she followed her husband's body to its last resting-place, which had also been provided at Wallace's expense.

These last acts of Christian charity completely broke the woman's proud spirit; she confessed her wrong-doing, begged their forgiveness, and was from that hour the grateful friend and a changed woman.

Every alternate year Wallace and Violet made a trip to England for a short holiday, and these visits were returned by the Camerons, who were entertained sometimes at Wallace's elegant residence on the Hudson, at others in his villa on Long Island, and every year the friendship between the two families became more sacred and enduring.

Nellie Bailey, who became Mrs. Ralph Henderson, shortly after the reunion of Violet and Wallace, also exchanged visits with her old-time friend, and Mrs. Alexander Hartley Hawley never neglects an opportunity, when Violet is in Cincinnati, to give her a brilliant reception.

Once Wallace and his wife visited Mentone, where they sought until they found the home of Lisette Vermilet. The stepfather was dead, but the mother, who still sorrowed for her lost child, carried on the small farm with the aid of her two sons. Violet tenderly told her the story of her meeting with Lisette, and all that befell the unfortunate girl after the parting. Then together they all visited the grave beneath the mammoth beech tree where Wallace afterward caused to be erected a pretty marble tablet, bearing the name and age of the girl.

The firm of Hawley and Richardson is as prosperous as ever, and Wallace, who is now the acknowledged heir of the wealthy banker, is already beginning to be looked upon as one of New York's richest men.

In Wallace Richardson's library there hangs a picture which he often shows and explains to his children.

It represents an angel, of great beauty, holding a pair of balances in her hands. Upon one of the disks there is an immense lump of gold upon which is emblazoned an imposing coat of arms. Upon the other there is a carpenter's plane and saw, and thrown carelessly over them is a scroll, upon the spotless surface of which are written the words, "Honor, Truth, Virtue." The scales tip decidedly toward the scroll.

"Truths on which depend our main concern, Shine by the side of every path we tread, With such a luster, he that runs may read."

THE END.

Modern Underground Life

The first abode of man was a cave or dug-out that he scratched out with his finger nails. In modern cities, land is so high priced, that builders find it advantageous to burrow under the ground for commercial purposes. In New York City alone more than a million people spend part of the day beneath the street level, and many come to the surface so seldom that the natural light nearly blinds them. Nearly every great skyscraper has four or five stories underground. There are basements and cellars and subcellars and machinery rooms and vaults and conduits. To accommodate these an excavation of forty or fifty feet is required. One who has never explored the subterranean annex of a huge office building would find many surprises in doing so. There you will see grimy men shoveling tons of coal into cavernous fiery mouths, dozens of complicated machines working with scarcely any noise, switchboards and gauges and telephones and wires and signal systems cluttering the walls, and here and there a uniformed official treading about to see that everything is working properly. A small army of employees including firemen and engineers and electricians and watchmen and janitors and steamfitters find daily work in the bowels of the earth, and even during the still hours of the night all is life and activity beneath the modern hives of industry.

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leave you in suspense," Lord Cameron said, smiling; "but she wished the proposition to come from me. It is that you and Wallace will accompany us when we go home to England. I am about to dedicate a home for orphans and aged people, and, since Wallace designed the plans for the buildings, I want you both there to honor the occasion."

"Would you like to go, Violet?" Wallace asked. "Yes, indeed; very much," she answered, eagerly, and the two gentlemen exchanged gratified glances.

They had only that afternoon discussed the plan which was to be decided by Violet's wishes. "But ought we to leave Mr. Lawrence?" she suddenly added, as she thought that it would seem cruel to go away upon their own pleasure while he was still confined to his bed.

"It will be nearly a month before we sail, and he will doubtless be much better by that time, and as your physician says you must have a change of some kind, and recommends a sea voyage, I know that he would rather have you go than stay," Wallace replied, and thus the matter was decided.

Lady Cameron came the day following her son's call, and Violet felt as if she ought to be very happy and grateful to have the arms of love and friendship thrown around her so cordially by these old friends.

"Oh!" she cried, as she clasped Lady Cameron about the neck and hid her tearful face upon her shoulder, "I have felt as if I wanted to hide myself where you could never find me, for it seemed as if you must always regard me with aversion for causing you such sorrow and mortification."

"The experience was far more trying and sad for you, dear, than for us," Lady Cameron replied, tenderly, "and I am sure that none of us feel anything but gratitude for an act which saved us so much more of sorrow. Now, my dear Violet, let us never refer to the subject again; we will be happy in the delightful present and the bright future, and we will be the closest of friends always. I hope you will come often to see us in our English home, and we shall want to visit New York occasionally. Dry your tears, my child, and let them be the last that you ever shed over what has only resulted in good to us all."

She kissed the fair face upon her breast, and, with her own handkerchief, dried the dewy eyes, while Violet felt that she should always love her with an affection second only to that bestowed upon her husband.

Lady Cameron spent the entire day with her, and when she at last returned to her rooms at the Hoffman, Violet felt as if the last cloud had vanished from her sky.

The days went by on rapid wings after that. Violet improved wonderfully, and was once more the light of Mr. Lawrence's beautiful home, although at times her nerves reminded her that they had had a severe strain, and she was still somewhat pale and thin.

Mr. Lawrence's injuries mended slowly but surely, and he was very patient during his confinement, and cheerful, too, for Violet was tireless in her devotion to him.

When she demurred against leaving him for a pleasure trip to England, he told her it was his wish that she should go.

also in bridal attire and looked like the sweet white blossom for which she was named.

The next day the distinguished party sailed for England, where Wallace and his wife were the guests of Lord and Lady Cameron for two delightful weeks, and during which the fine home for orphans and aged people was dedicated, as Lord Cameron had planned, when public mention was made of the "gifted young architect who had designed the elegant and commodious buildings."

Violet was charmed with the grand old home of the Earl of Sutherland, but not one regretful or envious thought at having missed sharing in the magnificence surrounding her, or the title of countess, intruded itself upon her.

She thoroughly enjoyed everything about her, and grew to love her friends more and more, while, when the time came that they must separate, it almost seemed like parting from her own mother, and sister, and brother.

Upon their return to New York, Wallace and Violet found Mr. Lawrence much improved, and just beginning to get about upon crutches. He was in excellent spirits, and of course very happy to have them at home once more.

During their absence he had caused his mansion to be refurbished for their reception, while he had also arranged an elegant suite of rooms in the second story for Wallace's and Violet's exclusive use, and life certainly had a very flattering outlook for the young couple.

A few months later Violet was visiting the city hospital with a friend, when, as she was passing through one of the wards, a slight, quickly-repressed exclamation attracted her attention.

She turned toward the cot from which it had seemed to proceed, and found fixed upon her a pair of eyes, in which there was something strangely familiar.

"Belle!" she cried, gliding swiftly to her side, a profound pity shining through her face.

The woman covered her face with the sheet, and began to sob.

Violet sought the nurse, and questioned her regarding the patient, and learned that Mrs. Moore, as Mrs. Mencke had called herself, had been brought up there while very ill with typhoid fever. She had barely lived through it, but was doing well now, and would be able to leave the hospital in a few weeks.

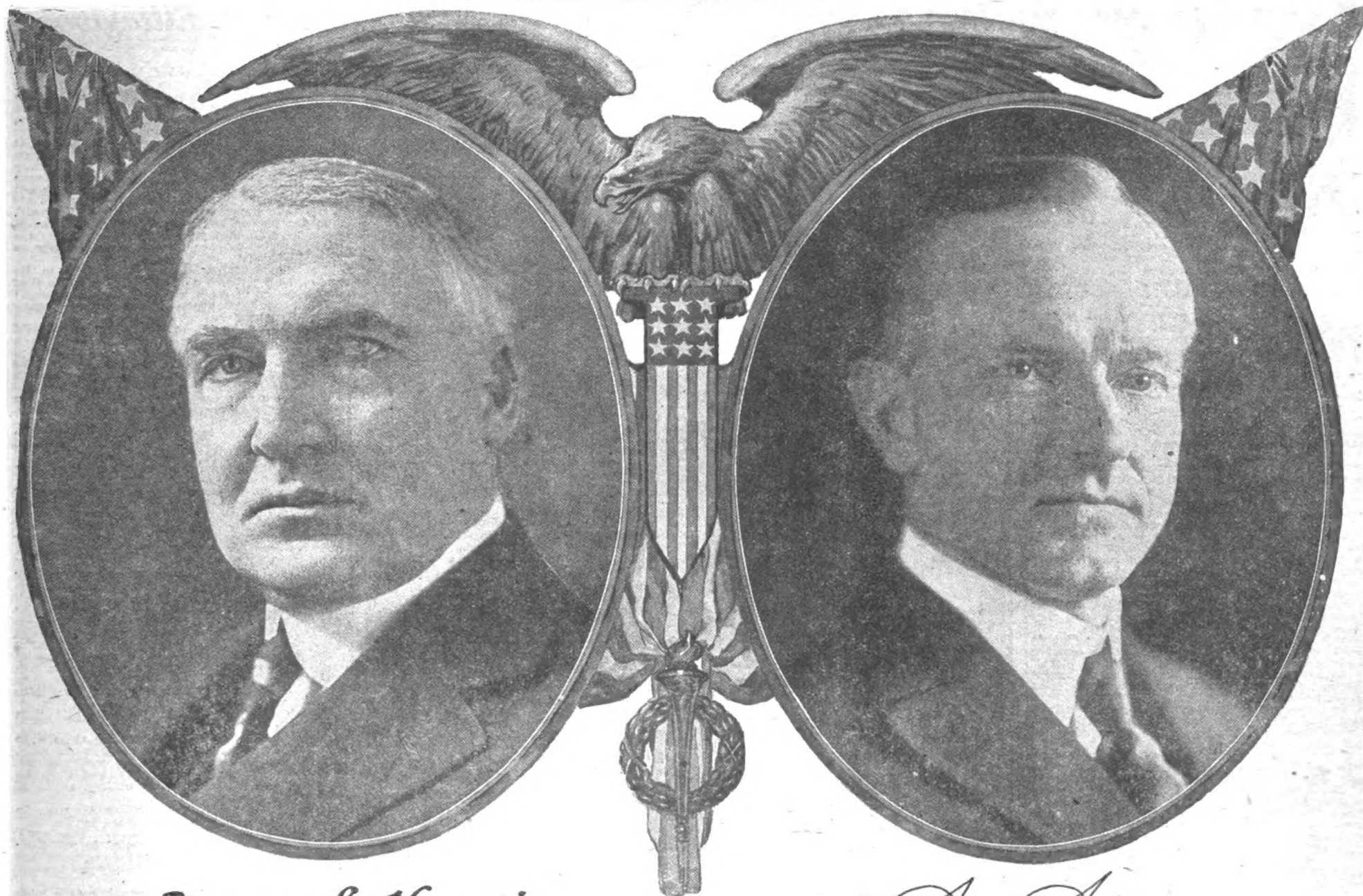
Violet saw that she was weak, and overcome by the sight of her, so she did not say much to her then; but she went often to see her after that, and though Belle seemed sullen at first, Violet's sweetness and unvarying kindness finally conquered, in a measure, her unfriendly spirit.

When Belle was able to be moved Violet took her to a quiet and pleasant portion of the city, where she had furnished some rooms with every comfort, and many of the elegancies of life, told her that it was to be her home, if she would accept it, and then supplemented this act of generosity by setting upon her an ample annuity.

She went to see her occasionally after this; but though Mrs. Mencke accepted all the benefits which she showered upon her, she never expressed any gratitude or seemed glad to see her—she could not wholly forgive her for being prosperous and happy, while she was dependent for her daily bread.

This, however, made no difference with Violet—she was always the same, sweet, kind, sympathetic little woman under all circumstances, and hoped

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Cubby Bear's Heroism

By Lena B. Ellingwood

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CUBBY Bear and Bunny Rabbit were sitting on the doorstep of Bunny's house one pleasant morning, laughing to see the Bunny Babies roll and tumble around on the grass at play, when Shinyblack Crow came hopping sedately along.

"You look very happy here," he said. "May I stop and talk with you a while?"

"Oh, yes! we will be glad to have you!" answered Bunny, moving over to make room for him on the steps.

Shinyblack Crow took the place between Bunny and Cubby on the top step.

"Ha-caw! ha-caw!" he laughed, as one Baby Bunny tripped up another one at play. "Your babies are growing plump and playful, Bunny Rabbit! They are pretty, too, so furry and soft. Much, much prettier than another family of babies I saw today!"

"You would have to go far to find such a family as mine," said Bunny, his face glowing with pride. "But whose babies did you see?"

"I was down in the swamp by the river," said Shinyblack Crow, "when I heard the loud boom of Benjamin Bittern."

"Oh, I have seen the bittern," interrupted Cubby Bear. "I was in his swamp one time!"

"I remember," nodded Shinyblack Crow. "You were lost, and Billy Bluejay showed you the way home. Well, I found both Benjamin and Mrs. Bittern standing by their nest, which was built on the ground, admiring their four awkward scrawny babies, whose feathers are only half-grown. When they saw I meant them no harm, they were glad to show me their children."

The Bunny Babies had left their play, and crowded around the doorsteps, listening to Shinyblack Crow, their eyes large and round.

"We want to see the baby bitterns in their nest on the ground!" they exclaimed.

"It is a long way to where they live!" Bunny Rabbit told them.

"We are going to see the baby bitterns!" they insisted.

"Do not tease!" said Bunny Rabbit, whereat they all began to cry, sobbing in a woful way that touched Cubby Bear's tender heart.

"Oh, please," he whispered to Bunny; "let us take them to the swamp in their little cart. I know the way, and I will help you wheel them."

"Very well, then, since you will help," agreed Bunny; "but they have never been so far from home before."

The Bunny Babies were washed, and brushed, and fed, and then packed into their little cart, which they were outgrowing. Joyfully they set out upon their journey.

"It is a long way," said Cubby, who was wheeling the cart. "All the way south through our forest until we reach the road that leads to the village; across the road and down through a long field that slopes until we come to the river; then along the bank of the river to the low, marshy land, overgrown with alder bushes, and there we shall find Benjamin Bittern's home."

It would not have been hard for either Cubby or Bunny to take the trip by themselves, but with the cart they were obliged to go slowly, and it was afternoon before they reached the swamp.

The bitterns did not seem pleased to have callers at first, and the Bunny Babies were a little afraid of the great birds with their long legs and fierce looking bills; but Cubby Bear was politeness itself, and soon they were on more friendly terms.

The Baby Bunnies stood in a circle around the nest, and one of them put out a timid little paw to smooth the young birds' feathers.

"Oh, let the little bitterns have a ride in our cart," offered one of them in a glow of generous feeling.

"No, no, no!" refused Mrs. Benjamin Bittern quickly. "They must stay in their nest. I would not risk their lives in such a crazy contraption!"

The afternoon was nearly gone when Cubby

and Bunny started on their way back to the Pleasant Forest.

"We have had a happy day," murmured the Baby Bunnies drowsily. "Now we will sleep all the way home."

"You need not hurry, Cubby Bear," said Bunny. "For I shall not cross the road until after dark."

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So they loitered along, stopping now and then to rest, while the shadows grew long, and the bright sun sank to rest.

Bunny Rabbit insisted on hiding in the bushes beside the road for some time, although it was already growing dark when they arrived there.

As they were starting across, one sleepy Bunny Baby yawned and stretched, disturbing the others,

creature, the like of which Cubby Bear had never even dreamed!

Its horrible eyes, each one as big as Mamma Bruin's whole face, it seemed to Cubby Bear, glared at the frightened little group in the road, and lighted up everything around!

Cubby's first thought was to run, but what about the helpless little Bunny Babies? No, he could not desert them!

"Run, Bunny Rabbit!" he shouted, "and save your babies! I will stop him until you are out of the way!"

So while Bunny made off as fast as he could, dragging the cart behind him, Cubby bravely stood his ground in that glaring light, flourishing his paws threateningly, and growling as savagely as he knew how!

But the monster, though it stopped in its tracks, kept up such a clatter all the while that Cubby feared it could not even hear his growl!

Oh, ought he to run now? Would the Bunny Babies be safely out of sight?

Then the creature screeched at him, a wild "Honk, honk!" and started toward him once more. In another instant it would have run him down, but he turned and fled, wildly, blindly, into the night, never thinking or caring what direction he took. Anywhere, anywhere, to get away!

On he went, across the open field, toward the great river, fear urging him on. Never had he run so fast before!

Too late to stop in his mad flight, he saw the gleam of water beneath him, and heard the gentle murmur of the smoothly flowing river.

In he plunged, straight to the bottom, then came to the surface, gasping for breath.

A little log was near him. He claved at it desperately, trying to save himself from drowning by climbing up on it; but the slender log rolled with each eager clutch.

Poor Cubby paddled away at the rolling log, until his strength gave out, then once more sank in the river's depths.

Coming up the second time, he gathered together his scattered wits, winked the water out of his eyes, and struck out bravely for the shore.

"How foolish I was not to swim at first," he said to himself, "instead of trying to climb on the log! But I was too frightened to think! Mamma Bruin will laugh at me when I tell her!"

He was not used to swimming, but he made good headway. The bank over which he had fallen was too steep for him to climb up, and he had to swim a little way up stream before he could land.

He lay panting on the bank for a while, then slowly started for home.

Across the broad field and up the slope once more, he looked cautiously up and down the road, but all was dark and quiet. He made the remainder of the journey in safety, and when he reached Mamma Bruin's house at last, stumbled over a little cart by the door.

Bunny Rabbit and his Baby Bunnies were in the house, and Mamma Bruin stood by the window, tying on her bonnet.

"Here he comes now!" she cried in relief, as Cubby entered. "I was just going to start out after you!" And she threw both arms around him.

Bunny Rabbit's eyes were running over with tears. He clasped Cubby's paw in both his own.

"You were so brave!" he said. "And so good, to face that terrible monster alone, and give me a chance to save my babies! I feared you had been devoured by the fiery creature!"

"It must have been an automobile," said Mamma Bruin. "I have heard of such things, but never saw one. It seems they go only on the roads, which is a mercy! There would be no safety for us if they came crashing through the forest. I wonder that men are not out after them with guns!"

"I shall not take my babies on the road again," declared Bunny Rabbit firmly. "We will keep to the Pleasant Forest, where we shall be safe from harm!"



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thought was a man. He was some distance away, so I couldn't be sure. Alone, I could go so swiftly I should be safe; but with my babies, I shall not try again to cross the road by daylight!"

and two of them began to cry. Bunny Rabbit stopped the cart to cuddle them down comfortably again, when all at once they heard a strange, roaring noise, and around the bend in the road not far distant, came rushing a terrible, great

seem, this method of the savages is identical, in principle, with the modern fireless cooker. The food is not put in the hole, in the first place until the fire has died to embers. When it is sufficiently done, all hands, including dogs and hogs and pet monkeys gather to the feast, eating ravenously out of the hole. The natives use their fingers for forks and have teeth almost as strong as the animals. It is said by travelers that the odor of the food is savory and inviting and that the people would share their last bite with a stranger.

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A Queer Race

South America is the home of many peculiar divisions of the human family. The low caste Indians of Chile are among the strangest of these. They build their houses out of branches in quite thorough fashion but know absolutely nothing about floors, windows or chimneys. Their manner of cooking is extremely antiquated and primitive. A fire is made in a stone-lined hole in the

ground and into the hole is dumped all they have to cook,—meat, fish, fowl, vegetables, anything, in fact; all in one mess. If any space is unfilled, hot stones are piled around the grub, the top of the hole being finally sealed with mud. Very little heat can escape and no matter what the contents of the primitive oven may be, it is certain to be pretty well done after four or five hours of this kind of cooking; nor is there any chance of the food being burned. Strange as it may

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Youth is the fire of life.

Profit by your mistakes.

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Do not carve your own yoke.

Defeat is often a spur to victory.

Wrongs should be written in ashes.

He is gentle that does gentle deeds.

Sometimes a stumble prevents a fall.

If you do not try you cannot succeed.

Science is stranger than superstition.

Fear yourself; not the power of others.

Modern inventions have killed isolation.

You can either season or decay with age.

Patience is the best plasterer to heal hurts.

The things that count are the things that last.

You cannot kill time without injuring eternity.

A good book is the life-blood of a master-spirit.

A good many of us mistake action for progress.

The prize apple is always at the top of the tree.

Never try to tan a dog's hide with his own bark.

There is a better market for smiles than frowns.

The feet of the years fall noiseless in their tread.

Gracious denials are better than angry yieldings.

The line of least resistance makes a poor lifeline.

Make sure the prize you chase is worth the price.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.

We should impart our courage and not our despair.

The heart is often willing, but the pocketbook weak.

A good job of mending is the patching up of a quarrel.

You have no idea how big the other fellow's troubles are.

A busy man never has time to tell how much work he does.

Man flows at once to God when the channel of purity is open.

Good times for all can only be the product of good work by all.

There are times when nothing speaks so eloquently as silence.

There is plenty to do everywhere for him who can and will do it.

Anything that is standing still is getting ready to move backwards.

Sweating will get you farther than swearing; let mules do the kicking.

The hen is the only creature that can sit still and produce dividends.

Other men's sins are before our eyes, but our own are behind our back.

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HOP up onto my lap and I'll give you a few things to think over. So many houses, flats and tenements have been torn down in the cities to make room for movie theaters and garages and places of fun and frolic, that homes are being pushed off the map, and though people have plenty of places to shimmy and jazz, they have nowhere to lay their heads, do their cooking, washing, laundry and raise their families. Dickens said the law was a "hass," but this war has definitely established the fact that the greatest "hass" in the world is that peculiar type of animal that calls itself man and wanders around raising Cain everywhere, instead of going to a lunatic asylum and staying there for the rest of his days.

You folks are so busy with your farms and other affairs that you have little time to read and study, and the great metropolitan dailies seldom reach you. In this respect you are lucky, for if you knew what was going on in the world and had to carry its cares, burdens, crimes and follies on your heart as I do, and knew all the secret forces that are working to destroy you, you'd throw up your hands and quit. These are great times for the dis-United States. In Michigan, the Bureau of Crop Estimates place the idle acreage in that State at 1,668,000. There were 10,000 vacant farm houses and 18,232 idle farms, 10,000 of which had been abandoned this year owing to the increased cost of operation and the high wages being paid in the cities. People wanted oceans of money and they are getting it, but it is cheap stage money that won't buy them anything. You can have real money only as you create wealth. Cheap money means high prices and dear food. A lady in Kiev, Russia, was displaying neat ankles encased in silk stockings. Those stockings had cost her fifteen hundred dollars, and were of the kind you used to buy for sixty-nine cents, and she has no soap with which to wash either her stockings or herself. When people run away from the country, from their bread and butter, to make joy-riding flivvers in the cities, for big wads of stage money, they will soon find that cities hold nothing for them but starvation. There are certain natural and economic laws that man must observe or perish. We are trying to run things upside down, trying to buck against nature, and if you fool with nature you suffer and perish. No good crying "Back to the land," when street sweepers can earn \$77 a week, because people, until faced with starvation, will not go back. Well, if you prefer flivvers to bread, and movies to food, don't go on a strike or go Bolshevik and make a bigger "hass" of yourself than you are now doing. Remember, it will be nobody's fault but your own, if in a little while you are paying a dollar for a loaf and fifty cents for a pint of milk. If you prefer excitement, pleasure and gasoline to home and food, go to it, but don't everlastingly whine or damn our social system, because you prefer to be a "hass" to a human. Before the war, an expert mason could, and would, lay 1,900 bricks a day for five dollars. In England, where organized labor is practically in control, in pre-war days they used to lay a paltry 350 bricks. English labor was under the ruinous influence of the "ca" canny or go-easy movement. The "great idea" was for everyone to do as little as possible. The British workman thought if he laid 700 bricks daily, instead of 350, he would be depriving a fellow-workman of employment. He could not see that with high-speed production in America and Germany all his trade was drifting from him to his rivals and that he was cutting off his nose to spite his face. He was closing down his own factories, ruining his own industries, cutting his own throat because he had permitted himself to become the victim of a false, foolish and iniquitous idea which was bound to ruin his country and himself. A false philosophy of life and a defiance of a basic economic principle was menacing his existence. Hundreds of thousands of houses are needed in England today, but thanks to the pre-war "ca" canny movement, the "go-easy" poison, the worker has no place to lay his head, and he wants to go Bolshevik and divide up the money of people who worked and saved while he loafed. The poor "hass." Now we have adopted the old "ca" canny British fallacy. It is not the paying of high wages to which the employer objects, but to the fact that after he has paid the big wage he gets practically nothing in return. Building and pretty nearly everything else but jazz is at a standstill in this vast city. "Ca" canny has killed it. We are told there will be riots in the fall because of the shortage of houses and the high rents (though rents have only gone up 30 or 40 per cent while everything else has soared to 100 per cent), and the gentlemen who will do the rioting are the ones who could have built the houses and wouldn't. But they will build movie-theaters, the garages and the dance halls, for that means fun, racket and foolishness. It is the go-easy movement and class hatred that breeds Bolshevism.

And now I will tell you a little about the fanatics who head that movement and what they are doing. Bolshevism is spreading, as it is bound to spread where men have lost morale, spirit, and have slumped back into that class so well known to all Americans, the Weary Willies and the hoboes. Some writers, pessimistic and gloomy, have declared that civilization carries within itself the germ of its own decay. They declare man can climb just so high, then he slips back into the mud again, and all that he has created goes with him. My answer to these croakers is that civilization, like Christianity, has never been tried. Civilization that has merely a material basis like the Berger, Hillquit brand of socialism, is mere bellyism and is bound to decay. A civilization, however, that has a spiritual basis, is a thing of life and will last forever. That is the civilization we must and will build. Meanwhile, the God-hating, atheistic, militaristic, class terrorists, Bolsheviks, are busier than ever. Like the Kaiser, they are out for world domination and must go on or perish. If they stopped long enough to think, that would be their finish. We are threatened with a dictatorship of the proletariat—the proletariat means the "workers or shirkers." You may get an idea of what dictatorship of the proletariat means when I tell you the proletariat has no power, no freedom of assembly, no free speech or free press. The Russian is a slave—a "hass." The

dictating is done by the twin Czars, Lenine and Trotzky, who are supported by a band of murderers called Commissaires, who attend to all the hanging and shooting while the workers are driven around at the point of the bayonet. Lloyd George of Great Britain thought the only salvation of Europe was to put Russia, which is the largest part of it, "in circulation." He was willing to exchange manufactured articles for raw materials and so supply the Russian Soviets with many things they greatly need. We, too, are now going to experiment along the same lines so as to head off the lying Bolshevik sympathizers who say we have been starving Russia. Well, it is always best to starve a wild beast, feeding only gives him power to do more harm. Any goods sent to Russia will eventually find their way into the hands of the Reds. If Russia pays for these things, it will be in stolen gold or raw materials torn from the hands of the peasants. While Lloyd George was engaged in this business, which many condemned though his motives were sincere and honest, Lenine had agents in England and India trying to spread Bolshevik propaganda of world revolution, and the same game is going on here. That is the way those rascals act. These fanatics, too, have a big school of propaganda in Moscow. There they have gathered the turbulent spirits of the Orient and are striving to set all Asia aflame. Many British haters will rejoice if they succeed, but if they do, we in time will reap the full benefit of this backwash of Oriental fanaticism, with its usual accessories of bloodshed, starvation, plunder and wholesale murder. Here is what our Secretary of State says about the Russian Soviet lunacy: "While this government has no desire to interfere with the internal affairs of the Russian people or to suggest the kind of government they should have, the existing regime in Russia does not represent the will or consent of any considerable proportion of the Russian people. It (Bolshevism) repudiates every principle of harmonious and trustful relation whether of nations or of individuals, and is based upon the negation of honor and good faith and every usage and convention underlying the structure of international law." Now chew that over, for it is God's truth.

Now comes the biggest joke of all. Emma Goldman, who with her friend Berkman, raised Cain and preached anarchy in this land for over a quarter of a century, was deported as an undesirable citizen to her beloved Russia some months ago. Emma longed for that gorgeous paradise of blood, disease and murder which she desired to force upon us. Well, Emma has been home some months and does not like her Soviet Russia for shucks. She is crazy to get back to the wicked old U. S. A. Here is what she thinks of Lenine and Trotzky's paradise: "It is rotten, so rotten that I am sick of it," and she adds: "Soviet Russia has taken away even the little freedom that man has under individual capitalism and has made him entirely subject to the whims of a bureaucracy which excuses its tyranny on the ground that it is all done for the welfare of the workers." And still the nuts want that red dope here. The British Labor Party, the oldest and most radical organization of its kind in existence, was invited to send a delegation to Russia. Of course, like all others who have been on official missions, they have been allowed to see only what little old Jew Trotzky thought was good for them to see, and in their report they say: "Soviet Russia could teach Western Europe nothing." And if ever socialism comes, "It will prevail in Great Britain long before it would in Russia." In 1920, the nationalized industries in Russia, even though the "free and noble working man" toiled with a gun pointed at his head, ran behind twenty-three billion roubles.

The travesty of government that exists in Russia today can only be upheld by force or favor. John Spargo, the greatest authority in this country on Marxian socialism, but as bitter an enemy of Bolshevism as I am, has written three remarkable books on Soviet Russia, published by the Century Company, New York. You ought to get them. Now, William English Walling, one of the world's leading socialist authorities, has written "Sovietism, the A. B. C. of Bolshevism," an authoritative and masterly work, which exposes the villainies of these red fiends. It is published by E. P. Dutton, New York. It would pay you extreme radicals to get this work, even if you have to pawn your silk shirts to do it. Both Spargo and Walling refrain from theorizing. They take Bolshevik documents and condemn these red villains out of their own vile mouths. For instance, Spargo, writing in the Century Magazine for May says: "One is staggered by the statement published in the Red Gazette, a Bolshevik organ, that in Ivanovo-Boznessensk, a town of less than 140,000 inhabitants, 41,000 persons are employed in the administrative department alone, while nearly 20,000 are connected with various public services, commissions and so on." Even our New York Hibernian Tammany Hall, with Charlie Murphy at its head (and "where did you get it" Croker in the distance), could hardly beat that. This always happens in a land terrorized by fanatics. Hordes of officials are given easy jobs and a gun to keep the masses of the people in subjection. Of this cancerous growth, which like the flu is spreading all over the world and which the bums, tramps and loafers want to introduce here so they can get at your Liberty Bonds, your savings banks, your women folks (especially those who have got painted faces and cootie garages over their ears), John Spargo says in May Harpers: "As one of the millions who have seen in socialism the hope and promise of a larger individualism, I frankly admit that I would rather be hungry in any capitalistic nation I know than be ever ragged and a crust of bread with freedom than fine raiment and rich fare with servitude." So say all the socialists of the world, except the Milwaukee and Kansas bunch who find socialism a convenient medium for relieving the worker of his spare dollars. As a matter of fact, there is no socialism in Russia. Lenine got his ideas largely from the late Daniel De Leon, who headed an organization called "The People's Labor Party," and who was an old friend of mine.

You will doubtless wonder why Poland attacked Russia when in dire need of nearly everything that makes life worth while. Poland knew that with Dennikin disposed of she was to be overwhelmed. The plans were drawn for a campaign



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LOTTIE JETTER.

Lottie, it is quite refreshing to find a young lady who does not want to be a movie actress, a song, story or scenario writer, but, instead, wishes to devote her life to running down clues. You might study the works of Gaboriau and communicate with Conan Doyle, of Sherlock Holmes fame, who not only ran down clues in this world but is now trying to run them down in the next. When you have finished with these masters, you might go to Chicago and San Francisco and try to find a clue that will elucidate the mystery of the late presidential nominations. You might find, too, why a land which once produced great men has to fall back on mediocrities for its presidential timber. If you solve that mystery you will be the champion detective of the world. There is a great task, too, for you in running down clues regarding booze. Every time you hear an explosion that sounds like Verdun going into the air you will know someone has put a kick into a barrel of home-brewed beer that has demolished the neighborhood. Then you will have to get a clue to the culprit who applied the kick. It has always been a mystery as to where William Jennings Bryan conceals the billion horse-power mechanism that runs his oratorical jaw tackle. If you can discover that, you are on the road to fame. If William Jennings B. is ever kidnapped and forced by any of his thirsty opponents to swallow a wet plank, there will be millions in it if you can discover the perpetrators. If you can crawl into a German head and discover who is responsible for the mechanism which makes Fritz and Heinle, both here and at home, keep parroting that old dope, "Ve vos der victims of a conspiracy, der var vos vorse on us," you are booked for a medal. If, too, you will run down the clue that will make known to a suffering world what it is that

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Slutful Sylvia

by Maud Mary Brown



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THE eight-ten train was in when Manning reached the station, and, avoiding the club car, he ran down the platform and swung himself to the steps of a coach. Choosing a seat with an empty one behind it, he turned up the collar of his coat, slid to the end of his spine, and gave himself over to moody reflection.

He frowned darkly when two women, breathing heavily from their haste, sank into the seat behind him, and, fearing recognition, he drew his soft hat lower and buried his face in a paper.

For, two days earlier, Manning had won a bitterly fought and difficult case. Always moderately successful in his profession, this triumph had pitched him into legal prominence.

Yesterday he had been exhilarated by his victory, but today the inevitable reaction had set in and depression, like a clammy blanket, enshrouded him.

How in the name of high heaven had he done it? His logic, the brilliant phrasing of his plea, were utterly incomprehensible to him now. Almost he regretted his success for it had committed him to a standard which he felt powerless to maintain.

The conversation of the women behind him irritated him but in spite of himself their words trumpeted their way to his brain.

"My dear, she volunteers for everything!"

"I know. And she slides out from under every time."

Manning stirred, intrigued by the hauntingly familiar voices.

"You feel like rending her and directly you are ashamed, her alibi is so convincing. And that pained look in her eyes!"

"That pained look is a distinct asset," laughed the other.

Manning, his nervous brooding forgotten, was frankly listening, wishing devoutly that he could place those voices.

"And her son! The poor little tad! The children on the flats have better care."

"I feel so sorry for him. Mrs. Mason says that the doctor is in despair. He eats anything at any time. Meat at night, if you please, since he was three. No wonder his teeth have needed attention already."

Manning's brain had never been more alert. Of course it was a coincidence, but his own son had had a recent session with the dentist. And Peter was not quite four!

"For a college-bred woman," one of the voices was continuing, "her ignorance is colossal."

"I would say, rather, that her indolence was colossal. Oh, well, we can't make people over, but one has to pity the husbands and children of women like that."

The train drew in at the terminal and Manning, without a backward glance, hurried to the front of the car and lost himself in the crowd.

That morning he denied himself to all but one caller—the head of a corporation whose chief counsel had recently died.

To Brewster, Manning was his usual self—poised, dignified, confidence-inspiring. However, when he was once more alone, he slumped in his chair while beads of perspiration started on his forehead.

"Gad!" he ejaculated, disgusted. "I am a ghastly mess. I am as unnerved as a hysterical woman. I believe I'll see Mason tonight. This will never do."

Manning went out to Brookhurst in the late afternoon, faint from fasting, for at noon the thought of food had revolted him.

Sylvia was in the hall, telephoning, when he entered. She nodded to him, an unsmiling expression on her rather heavy face, a pained look in her blue eyes.

"But I am telling you," she was explaining with weary patience, "that I have not had time to prepare that talk."

"I am aware that I promised, Mrs. Hatch. Naturally, I couldn't foresee Peter's indisposition. It is hard for you childless women to appreciate the uncertainty of a mother's time."

"Of course I can't give an impromptu talk on a subject like Americanization. I am sorry. Oh, wait a moment, please. My husband has just come in; he might help you out."

The transmitter pressed against her breast, Sylvia turned to her husband.

"Oh, Roger," she began in a hushed voice, "you are forever preaching Americanization; you might as well have an audience. Won't you speak before the club this evening?"

"I will not, Sylvia."

"Just to help me out, Roger! Mrs. Hatch is cross and I can't afford to offend her."

"Then don't. I infer that you promised—"

"But I planned to prepare that talk yesterday and Peter was ailing."

"He seems to be all right today. I just met him with the nurse. Why didn't you do it this afternoon?"

Again the pained look flooded Sylvia's eyes and her face, already florid at thirty-one, grew redder still.

"If you must know, I played bridge," she said sulkily. "Goodness knows I get little enough recreation."

Manning reached for the instrument. "I will speak to Mrs. Hatch," he said briefly.

"That's decent of you, Roger. I won't get caught this way again."

But Manning was not listening. In his pleasant voice he was telling Mrs. Hatch that his wife had reconsidered and would speak according to arrangement that evening. Having finished, he turned to meet Sylvia's surprised and frightened eyes.

"What do you mean?" she gasped. "I never heard of such effrontery. I haven't done a thing

to prepare for that talk. I know nothing about the subject and I care less."

Her plump face was working in an effort to restrain her tears.

"I have a couple of articles in the library that will help you out," Manning told her quietly. "I fancy that you can absorb enough between now and eight o'clock to get by with a crowd of suburban women."

"I won't do it."

"You'll have to, Sylvia. You can't, without appearing ridiculous, explain that this is a matter of discipline. Brookhurst would rock with mirth at that."

"I can't do it," whimpered Sylvia. But she followed him to the library.

She sank into a chair, her sullen eyes following him as he found the articles.

"Here you are," he said, drawing a chair to the table. "Do your best for the honor of the Mannings, Sylvia."

"I believe that I am naturally a tyrant," Manning grinned as he went out into the sunshine, for the temperamental April day had begun to smile. "I haven't felt so fit today."

His son and a rather untidy nurse were coming up the walk. "Hello, Peter!" he greeted.

"Hello, fardie!" It was a weary little voice and the eyes in the child's pale face were unspeakably bored.

Manning regarded his son in interested silence, the boy enduring the scrutiny indifferently. His hair was too thin; his soiled legs shot out of his soiled socks like spindles. If the conversation between the two women of the train could have been said to have left Manning's mind, it returned now.

"You may go, Mamie; I will take care of Master Peter till dinner time," he said to the delighted nurse.

Peter's eyes flew open, and putting his soiled fist confidently into his father's hand, he trudged with him down to the lily pond and sat down on a bench.

"Had a good time today, son?" asked Manning.

"No, fardie. Mamie's too old to play with boys."

"Mother?"

"Mother's busy every afternoon there is. And mornings she's asleep."

"I—see. Not a very exhilarating life for a youngster, is it, Peter?"

"Huh?" Peter responded drowsily as his head dug deeper into his father's side. Presently he was asleep.

Manning, a protecting arm about his son, felt his anger rising. Was Sylvia too blind to see that Peter was untidy and under-nourished? Was he blind, also—needing the sting of gossip to clear his eyes?

Sylvia had been a sweet, attractive girl when he had married her. His sister, whose college classmate Sylvia was, had, however, frankly disapproved when Roger had told her of his betrothal.

"Roger, you poor infant!" she had exclaimed. "Simply! Jean had said when pressed for an explanation, 'that Sylvia doesn't go under her own power. At thirty she will be soft and slumpy.'"

He had reminded Jean that Sylvia did not lag in her class.

"Pride," she had explained briefly.

"And why should not pride keep her from becoming slumpy, as you call it, after she is married?"

"Don't ask me why it shouldn't, Roger. It doesn't, that's all. A lot of women believe that their job ends at the altar. Why don't you marry Betty Holt?"

"That doll woman!" he had scoffed.

"Don't fool yourself, old man; Betty is all there when needed. Go ahead and marry Sylvia," she had finished, "only don't call on me to bring up the children."

Manning was thinking, there by the lily pond, that Jean had not been altogether wrong. The dinner gong interrupted his reverie; he gathered up the sleeping Peter and went up to the house.

Sylvia emerged from the library as he entered. "Where is Mamie?" she asked, seeing Peter in his father's arms.

"Why did you permit him to go to sleep? It only means that he will be wakeful tonight."

"The little beggar is all tired out. Doesn't he have naps, Sylvia?"

"Please remember that he is four. I don't interfere in your affairs; if you will grant me the same indulgence—"

"I have. And I don't like the result. Have you no pride?"

Peter stirred and woke. "Peter's pritty hungry," he confessed as his father set him down.

"Fine! How about some bread and milk?"

"Bul-ly," replied Peter gravely.

But there was no milk. "It soured," the maid explained sullenly.

"Peter can have what we have, Roger," Sylvia protested. "A little of that roast pork won't hurt him at all. And there is ice cream."

"Bring him a soft-boiled egg, Delia," Manning said to the maid, and Delia slammed out of the room, muttering.

"Now see what you've done!" cried Sylvia. I can run this house, Roger. I am very angry about tonight, but I am going through with it, but keep your hands off the house, please, and the management of Peter. I can't stand everything."

Dinner was finished in silence, and Manning went up stairs with his son. At eight, hearing Sylvia go out, and Peter being asleep, he went over to see Doctor Mason.

"Doctor," he began abruptly after seating himself in the office, "what is the matter with Peter?"

The doctor gave Roger a cigar and lighted his own. "Peter has a delicate nervous organism," he said.

"Rot! I don't want side-stepping, Mason. Why has he those blue circles under his eyes? Why is he so susceptible to colds? Why is he so thin? In short, what is the matter with Peter?"

"You want the truth, Manning?"

"Straight from the shoulder, please."

"He doesn't have the proper food. He was eating meat and pastries when his chief diet should have been milk."

"Go on."

"The rules that I laid down have been unheeded. And it goes a bit deeper than that. Peter isn't happy. Nobody plays with him. His energies aren't directed. Mrs. Manning believes kindergartens to be unnecessary. A bored child, Manning, is a sad sight."

"Mason,"—abruptly—"what is the matter with the modern mother?"

"Nothing. There has never been a time when the business of child-rearing has been carried on so intelligently."

"Then the fault is—individual."

He went home through the soft star-lit night and sat down to wait for his wife. She came at length and as she passed the library door, he called to her gently.

She entered, obviously nervous and ill-pleased. Manning looked at her hair, falling untidily from beneath her hat; at her frock, expensive enough, heaven knew. His eye caught a spot on the chiffon panel and Sylvia clutched at it nervously.

"Well," she said sharply. "I am tired even if you are not. If you have finished your scrutiny, I will go up to bed."

He never remembered having felt so sad and defeated.

"Sit down, Sylvia," he began quietly. "I want to talk to you."

"You have talked quite enough for one day," she returned.

"Sit down," he said again.

With a petulant gesture she sank into a chair.

"Please get it over quickly," she said flintily.

"Very well. Sylvia, I don't like the way this house is run."

"Then why don't you try running it yourself?" she retorted insolently.

"Because, as it happens, that isn't my job."

"Oh!"

"I might endure the house with all its freshness wiped out as though with a smutty hand; I might endure the unspeakable food; what I refuse to endure is seeing Peter dirty."

She rose with a belated air of dignity. "Roger, you are simply outrageous. Do you think I am going silently to endure this tirade?"

"You are not to go yet, Sylvia; I am not through with you. I wish to impress upon you that from tonight you are to manage our house and our son so that we cease to be subjects for gossip."

"What do you mean by that?"

He told her unsparingly and she winced under his words.

"Hereafter I am to have something besides weak coffee and burned toast for breakfast," he went on. "Peter's food and his clothes are to be taken care of. For eight years I have left this end of the partnership to you and I am not satisfied. There must be a change."

"The alternative?" she queried icily.

"I take it for granted that you will try. If you fail, I assume that it will be through inability to grasp the essential details, and I shall install an efficiency expert in the house to teach you."

Sylvia laughed unpleasantly. "Isn't that what Betty Holt Farriday has become? Perhaps you mean her."

"Perhaps."

Sylvia's arrogance broke at that and she buried her face in her hands and sobbed unrestrainedly.

"You b-b-b-b-b," she cried. "To talk to me like this! Didn't you marry me?"

"It was a mutual contract, Sylvia."

"Just because I haven't kept young and slender, you treat me like this! Your wife! And the mother of your child!"

"Motherhood is too universal for you to presume on that, Sylvia. The mere fact that you bore Peter doesn't be-destal you, though I'd like it to."

She lifted her tear-drenched face. Tears were not becoming to Sylvia.

"Perhaps you wish you had not married me."

"Not yet, Sylvia."

"Perhaps you wish you had married Betty Holt."

She held herself motionless, waiting for his reply.

"Not yet, Sylvia!"

With a smothered cry she left the library and went up to her room.

During the next few hours Sylvia lay on her bed, her wide eyes staring into the darkness. One by one the bitter accusations of her husband came back to her memory and she writhed under them. She had returned from the club that evening humiliated enough at her indifferent success, but that was nothing to the humiliation of knowing that she was the victim of censorious tongues.

And what if Roger should carry out his threat? If he should place Betty Farriday in her home to teach her the elements of home-making, she would never again be able to hold up her head in Brookhurst. And she knew Roger. With that look in his eyes she could not doubt his determination.

As a widow Betty was far more attractive than she had been as a girl. What if he should fall in love with her? She had come to Brookhurst to live and they were thrown together often.

lights on either side of her toilet table, she gazed long in her mirror.

She was not very attractive—she admitted that. Her frock was crushed and soiled. She would get some new ones. And a new corset—one of those armor-plate things that nearly kill you. And she would have her hair curled. And she would see that Mamie kept Peter neat. She was still angry with Roger, but she admitted that she owed him that much for, professionally, he was a rising man.

If she did all these things, his crossness would subside. He was overwrought now, that was what was the matter with him.

Fright and the stirring of a primitive jealousy had headed her toward a shoddy reform, but the fundamental fact of her disloyal incapacity never occurred to her. Satisfied, she went to bed and fell asleep.

She was awake long before the house was astir the next morning but pride kept her in her room till Roger had left. Then she rose and slipped on a bedraggled negligee and went down to the kitchen.

"Della, what did you give Mr. Manning for breakfast?"

"Same's usual, Mrs. Manning."

"Eggs?"

"Master Peter et the last one last night."

"Why do you let provisions get so low, Della?"

"Wan pair of hands can't do everything. If you ain't satisfied—"

"That will do, Della. And Sylvia fled to the dining-room and sat down to cold toast and coffee."

"There isn't any use reforming myself out of a cook," she told herself.

A note from Roger lay beside her plate and she picked it up with misgivings. Her face cleared, however, as she read it. He had forgotten to mention last night that they were invited by the Brewsters to motor into town tonight to see *The Underling*. It was to be a party. He would be out early and he wanted to see Sylvia looking her best. He finished by reminding her that he had been very serious last night.

Sylvia overlooked the warning in her pleasure at the invitation. The Brewsters were very exclusive and had a beautiful place on the edge of Brookhurst. If Roger should be appointed counsel for the corporation Mr. Brewster headed, why, they were made.

Peter came in and she kissed him fondly. "Mother wants you to keep very neat after this, Peter," she said.

"I'd rather play," stated Peter plaintively.

"Mamie, you must play with Peter." And Mamie, looking rather sulky, took him by the hand and led him away.

In the determination to look attractive that evening, Sylvia called up the Brookhurst hair-dresser.

"I think you had better do it up yourself," the woman, having shampooed and dried, said dubiously.

"Oh, no, Mrs. Ryan; I haven't done my hair a new way for ages. Then I'll have a facial, please; and my nails need attention."

At five Manning came in, Peter at his heels. "Fardie walked with a pritty lady," he told his mother happily.

"Only Betty," Manning answered Sylvia's unspoken question. "She is to be one of the Brewsters' party tonight."

Sylvia's heart sank as she went away to dress. A little later she confronted him, her eyes rather wistfully searching his face.

"Sylvia!" he exclaimed. "What in the devil is the matter with your hair? Was it to preserve that intact that you wore that veil over it when I came in?"

"Mrs. Ryan did it," she faltered.

"Well, for heaven's sake, straighten it out, can't you? And Sylvia, that dress is a mass of wrinkles. Surely you have something else you can wear?"

"It's all I have that's decent," Sylvia returned, sudden tears gushing to her eyes.

"That is very far from decent. I should think you might have found time to press it today."

"I won't go," she said sulkily.

"Don't be foolish. I only want you to look as well as the other women. It means a great deal to us, Sylvia."

She was sobbing frankly now. "I am not going," she repeated. "You can tell them I am suddenly indisposed. It is true, too."

Manning regarded her in silence for a moment before seizing the telephone. "Mrs. Brewster," he said presently, "Mrs. Manning is not feeling up to going tonight. We are both very much disappointed."

Sylvia, her sobs hushed, was listening alertly.

"Yes, of course I will come if Mr. Brewster desires it. Good by."

"You are going without me?" There was an ominous calm in Sylvia's voice.

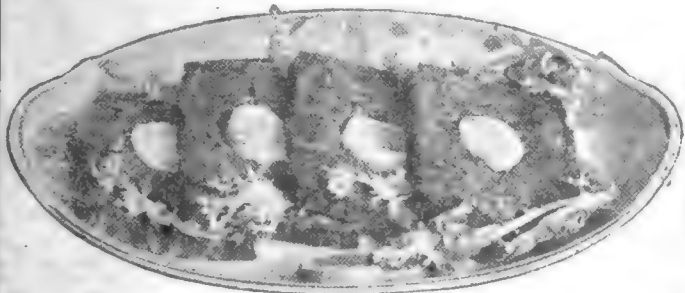
"I must. Brewster, it seems, wants a word with me before leaving for the coast at midnight. I must dress now."

Sylvia went into her room and, closing the connecting door, threw herself face downward on her bed. She heard dinner announced but she neither knew nor cared what her husband and her son had to eat. Roger knocked at her door but she refused to admit him. Presently she heard the murmur of the Brewsters' powerful motor; the pleasantly-pitched voices of the women floated to her ears—and they were gone.

Never in the course of her placid life had she been so shaken and frightened. Not for a moment had she thought that Roger would go without her? Was she losing him? Was this rupture

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By Violet Marsh

Varied Uses For the Food Chopper

AMONG the many modern kitchen utensils, no single one is of greater service than the food chopper. For years my chopper was only used for grinding meat; I did not appreciate its all-round usefulness. Now it has an established place in the kitchen and few days go by that I do not use it for some purpose. Grinding sausage meat, cold meats for scallops and hashes, Hamburg steak, and vegetables for soups, are only a few of the uses a chopper may be put to.

Peanut butter can be made at home with the chopper, using the finest plate and returning the peanuts to the chopper just so long as there are coarse pieces. Raw peanuts can be roasted in the oven if one is willing to keep stirring them so they will roast evenly. A large wire basket is the best receptacle for holding them as the heat will circulate evenly through the open sides.

Bread dried in pieces and ground as needed is more satisfactory than when prepared in advance, as it is liable to become oily tasting. If cranberries are ground before being made into sauce or pies, they will not require so long cooking and the skins seem to almost disappear. This also applies to apples that do not cook up readily.

In chopping raisins for tablespoon of corn flour to each cup of raisins before putting into chopper and they will not be in such a solid mass. Horseradish, cabbage for cold-slaw, coconut, orange and lemon rinds, can be prepared with the food chopper.

Be sure to use the right sized cutter. For instance, cabbage requires the coarse cutter, while cranberries are best cut with the finest. Rub the sides of the cutter very sparingly with butter before grinding sticky foods such as raisins or fresh orange peel. If the chopper slips, put a piece of coarse sandpaper under the table before screwing it to place. If it works hard, apply a little glycerine to the bearings. It is better than oil.

Other Cooking Helps

Dip the measuring cup into boiling water before filling with molasses, lard or butter, and less will be wasted.

Never let the cogs of your egg beater touch the dishwater, as it causes black specks, later on, to fall into the mixture you are beating. One drop of glycerine is sufficient to oil the beater.

In washing spinach and other greens, try a little salt in the water and observe how it helps remove the grit.

If you wish to keep a piece of cut cheese for any length of time, brush it over with hot paraffin.

In handling drop biscuits or dumplings, dip the spoon each time into hot milk and the dough will not adhere to it. Hot water works nearly as well but the milk assists in giving the biscuits an even brown.

In preparing celery for the table, wash the leaves, and dry them for soups and stews during the winter.

When salt sticks to the shaker, do not mix with corn starch, but when not in use, keep the shaker in a covered jelly glass in the kitchen.

Insert tiny paper funnels into the cuts in the top crust in making berry pies to take care of the escaping steam. The juice will also boil up into these and prevent it from running out. If little scraps of pie crust are left over, cut them round and shape over the outside of round muffin-pans, bake and use for creamed fish or chicken.

Extend your peanut butter, and at the same time make it into a pleasing consistency by soaking one teaspoon of gelatine in two tablespoons of cold water and dissolving it in one cup of hot lightly salted milk, and working it into one half pound of peanut butter. Press into wet moulds to harden. Too much should not be prepared at once as it will not keep as long as pure peanut butter.

If peaches lack flavor, crack a few of the stones and add the kernels to the syrup while it is cooking. Do not put the kernels into the canned fruit as in time they will give out too much flavor. Two whole stones may be added to each can of fruit.

Cranberries and sweet apples make a delicious combination. Try vinegar that has been used over beets when making vegetable salad.

Canning Mixed Vegetables

Not even a spoonful of vegetables need be considered too small an amount to be worth canning.

For some of the most tempting dishes in winter are made from canned mixed vegetables. The vegetable salad is one; soups and scallops are others. A good combination is young carrots, string beans, peas and young onions. Another is celery, green peppers, small lima beans and onions. Beets are best canned by themselves, as they will color the whole mixture. Fill sterilized jars with layers of raw vegetables as closely as possible, then to overflowing with boiling water. Put on rubbers and tops and half seal. Cook three hours in hot water bath with water just to shoulder of jars, or 35 minutes in steam-pressure cooker under 15 pounds pressure.

CORN AND TOMATOES.—Scald tomatoes one minute, plunge into cold water and remove skin and core. Cut into quarters. In cutting corn from cob, cut a little more than half the kernel off, and then with a strong knife scrape the cob lengthways, pressing out the milk from the re-

maining part of the kernel. Fill jars, using two parts tomato to one part of corn. To each quart jar add two teaspoons of sugar.

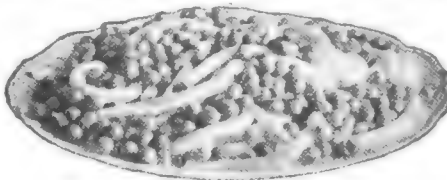
CONCENTRATED SOUP.—An excellent soup can be made from any desired mixture of vegetables. A tasteful combination to can consists of one quart of concentrated tomato pulp (tomato boiled down until thick), one pint of corn, or tiny lima beans, one pint of okra, one teaspoon of salt and three teaspoons of sugar.

To make the tomato pulp, cook together three quarts of sliced tomato, one small chopped onion and one half cup of chopped sweet red pepper. Put through a sieve and remove seeds and skins. Return pulp to kettle and cook down to about the consistency of catsup. Measure, add the corn and beans and okra which has been prepared for canning with seasoning. Cook all together for ten minutes and then fill hot sterilized jars. In hot-bath method cook two hours, or 35 minutes under 15 pounds steam pressure.

Old-Fashioned Pickles

There is nothing better than the pickles our grandmothers used to make; modern cookery cannot improve upon those old-time recipes. Following are some favorites.

SWEET PICKLED ONIONS.—Slice large onions, or use the small button variety. Cover with a brine heavy enough to float an egg, and let stand 24 hours. Make a pickle to the proportion of four quarts of strong apple vinegar, five pounds of sugar, and one cup of mixed mustard and celery seed. Bring the pickle to a hard boil, and pour it over the onions which have been



MACARONI WITH PEAS.

drained from the brine and placed in a stone crock.

PICKLED PEPPERS.—Use one half of large green peppers and the other half of the red and yellow sweet varieties. In the side of each, make a small incision through which the seeds may be removed without breaking the peppers. Cover the peppers with a brine sufficiently strong to float an egg and let them remain 24 hours. Drain and let stand 24 hours longer in a fresh brine. Wash in plenty of cold water. To every 24 peppers allow one quart each of strong vinegar and water and pour it boiling hot over the peppers. When cold, drain and cover with a boiling pickle made to the proportion of two quarts of strong apple vinegar, one sliced onion, two tablespoons of grated horseradish and about a teaspoon of whole cloves.

BEAN PICKLES.—Soak beans 48 hours in a brine strong enough to float an egg, and rinse in cold water and put into stone jar. Make a pickle of four quarts of strong apple vinegar, three cups of brown sugar, one root of horseradish, two ounces each of whole allspice and cloves, one ounce each of whole peppers and mace and three ounces each of black mustard seed, white mustard seed, stick cinnamon. Bring to a hard boil and pour over the beans. Put a large plate over the beans and weight it with a clean rock to keep them under the pickle. Keep jar covered.

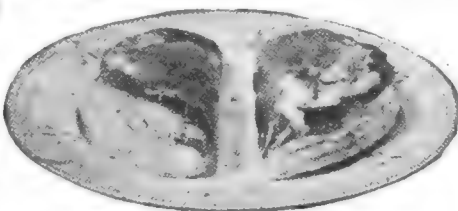
CHILI SAUCE.—Peel and chop fourteen large ripe tomatoes, two good-sized onions and three large green peppers and one red pepper. Make a pickle of three

and one half cups of strong vinegar, three quarters of a cup of brown sugar, two tablespoons of salt, one tablespoon each of ground allspice and cinnamon, two teaspoons of celery seed, and half-a-cup of pasturium seed. Cook one hour and bottle. Take care that it does not burn.

PICKLED CUCUMBERS.—Make a brine strong enough to float an egg, and into it put 175 small cucumbers as fast as they are gathered from the vines, leaving on a little of the stem and taking care not to bruise them. When ready to pickle, soak two days in fresh water, drain and wipe, and put into a firkin or crock and cover with boiling hot pickle made as follows: Use vinegar enough to cover cucumbers. Add one whole onion stuck full of cloves, two green peppers, a little ground horseradish root, a small bit of alum and a bag containing one and one half cups of mixed whole spice. Boil eight minutes.

TOMATO CATCHUP.—It is quite an art to make good catchup. Use red tomatoes that are thoroughly ripe. Cook as rapidly as possible, as long boiling has a tendency to darken the product. Use porcelain-lined kettle. Wash and cut up a quantity of tomatoes without removing the skins. It is not necessary to add water. Boil until soft and press through a fine sieve until only the seeds and skins remain. To each gallon of this liquid add three level tablespoons of salt and one-fourth tablespoon of red pepper. Return to kettle. For each gallon, allow two level tablespoons of whole allspice, four level tablespoons of whole white or yellow mustard seed, one level tablespoon of whole cloves two level tablespoons of whole celery seed, one ounce of stick cinnamon and three ounces of green ginger root. Put spices into bags. Add two large whole onions to the gallon. Stir frequently while the catchup cooks, as the tomato settles and will scorch easily. When the tomato has thickened, add two cups of vinegar and three level tablespoons of sugar to the gallon, and continue hard boiling until when a little is put in a plate the liquid will not run from it. Remove onions and spice and pour into hot sterilized bottles and cork tightly.

SQUASH PIE.—Cut the squash in several pieces, remove seeds, put into a cooker, or between two pans, and bake in the shell. Scoop out and



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PART II.

TINY realized he had spoken truthfully when he said he was almost famished, by the way he ate, but she was ready for him, and as soon as the bowl of cream tomato soup disappeared she bore the empty dish away only to return immediately and set before him a Spanish egg omelet garnished with green peas and parsley. He felt tempted when she brought that in to ask her to eat with him—her pale face convinced him she needed the food more than he did—but personal pride forbade him follow the dictations of his heart. She understood how to plan a meal as well as serve it, he realized when a delicious cheese salad on chilled lettuce leaves followed the omelet to the table. Then came a surprise in the form of an individual pie and a cup of steaming coffee—coffee such as John Brunnett admitted to himself that only an expert could make. She was a puzzle—this new housekeeper was—but she had proved herself a first-class cook; he couldn't help it—he wanted another cup of that wonderful coffee, and there was nothing to do but ask for it; when it was finished he pressed the call button.

Immediately Tiny answered in person. "You have proven beyond a doubt that you can cook," the man said more amiably than he had spoken before, "and as soon as you eat, you can go."

Tiny expressed her thanks by a polite bow that wholly upset the man; he wished she'd be impolite, if nothing else, but she wasn't—in fact, her manners were as perfect as any one he had ever known.

"Don't worry about washing the dishes tonight," he said pleasantly as his eyes rested on her flushed face. "You can do them tomorrow or the next day, or—oh, hell," he stammered, "I don't care when you clean 'em up, so long as you feed me such food as I've just eaten."

Tiny turned back towards the kitchen, her heart beating with joy. It was pleasant to be praised for well-rendered service, no matter what sort of work it was. She cleared off a corner of the cook-table for her own supper. Scarcely, however, had she finished the soup when the man whom she must look upon as a beast, because he had branded himself thusly in her eyes, made his appearance in the door.

Brunnett was a queer man—he had always lived according to his own ideas of custom. "I say, young woman," he said abruptly, "I'm feeling in such spirits now that I'm going to drive in to town for a little while myself, and I'll take you in with me if you care to go."

Tiny creditably expressed her appreciation for such a kind favor, and ere long she was seated in a comfortable roadster, speeding along at the rate of thirty miles an hour, beside a man that she would have given much to have met under more favorable circumstances—she wished he hadn't told her he was considered a beast, for, aside from his gruff, blunt speeches, she had seen no beastly indications. But why should she worry? She had agreed to keep his house in order for a whole year's time for a certain sum of money—for that period at least she must remain only a servant in his sight.

Once on the way in he reached over and tucked the heavy rug closer about the little woman at his side, but not a word did Tiny utter until she asked him to let her out.

Purposely she chose the corner of Fifth and Jupiter—the fame of Jupiter was far-reaching for its reasonably-priced boarding houses. Regardless of the fact that she was getting out at Jupiter Street, John didn't open the door until she had promised to meet him at the same spot on the following morning.

Tiny watched him drive away until he was lost among the thickly-moving vehicles, then she fell in line with the usual Saturday evening crowd and made her way down town to one of the best department stores in the city. There she spent her whole week's salary, and considerably more for an outfit such as she thought advisable to have for her present position.

There was much to be done, and Tiny found the night fairly spent before she crawled between the sheets of her small bed to snatch a few hours' sleep to dream of a place where rose-vines ran at will over an old stone archway.

At ten A. M. the next morning she reached the appointed place and though a bit ahead of time herself, she found the Beast of Blossom Valley waiting for her.

He greeted her pleasantly as he opened the door for her to get in, but made no further motion to assist her. She remembered it wasn't customary for a gentleman to assist his servant, in time to save herself embarrassment, and after carefully placing her bag on the running-board, she climbed in beside him.

It was a wonderful morning; the cold, crisp air was invigorating, and the sunshine against the ice-bordered pools along the road were as fairy palaces to the girl who had so long been denied them. Yet she managed to suppress the words of joy that rose to her lips as they spun along the winding road with only the chug-chug of the motor breaking the silence between them.

When they reached Blossom Valley Lodge again Brunnett immediately showed her to her room—a big, comfortable room it was, too—with windows on two sides, one overlooking the wooded vales, and the other afforded a view of the hills—the wonderful hills by which her decision of staying was based upon—a room such as she had dreamed of having only when success had crowned her efforts—she could scarcely believe it was hers to occupy as a servant; she wondered what the rest could be like. She gave a hurried glance towards the white tile bathroom as she slipped into a blue gingham house dress; as she slipped into a white apron, she descended the stairs and straightway made for the kitchen.

"I started on the worst thing first," she remarked to Brunnett when he came in later on in the day.

"I see you did," he returned in a tone that expressed his surprise. "I never expected to see it clean again, and you're making great headway on those pots and pans, too; it already looks like a different place," he continued pleasantly, "and—and—I'm ashamed to say it, but I'm beginning to feel hungry again for another good feed."

The good feed was soon prepared, and the battle against dirt continued, and when night came down, regardless of the day being Sunday, Tiny had the kitchen shining like a new pin from floor to ceiling; she was reveling in the beauty her own hands had performed when Brunnett again made his appearance.

His keen eyes swiftly took in the room. "It's wonderful, absolutely wonderful," he declared, "what soap and water and two willing hands can do."

Tiny's face beamed—he couldn't help but see it. "But I didn't come in to rave over what I'm paying you to do," he added suddenly. "I came in to tell you I've been called to the city for a few days—probably a week, and I'm just wondering if you'd be afraid to stay on in the house during my absence."

"It's a big, old house," Tiny answered slowly, "but I will stay if you like."

The man looked his surprise. "I didn't expect it of you hardly," he answered frankly, "but you're such an unusual type of a servant, I guess I might have expected it."

Tiny winced at the name—she wished he could

pronounce it with less force, but no spoken words came to her lips.

"I'd appreciate it very much," the man continued presently, "and would also consider it a great favor if you'd stay on in my absence—but I warn you, the place is lonely. What about inviting a friend out to spend the nights with you?"

He saw a flush of red dye the pale cheeks of the girl before him, then presently she raised her eyes to his—such honest blue eyes as they were—they reminded the man of placid waters he had known.

"If you don't mind," she said timidly, "I'd prefer very much hiring a good, strong woman to help me set the place in order while you're gone; besides," she added softly, "you don't know what sort of people my friends might be."

It was the man's turn to blush. In all the days of his forty years he had never met such a woman as was his present housekeeper; he hadn't thought of such a thing as leaving a strange woman in his old home—he had expected her to leave when he told her he was going—but now—well, not even staying alone had seemed to effect her seriously. Suddenly it dawned upon him that staying in the house was a clause in the agreement she had signed; probably she had remembered that.

"You're sure," he said presently, "that you'd rather hire a helper and stay on in the house while I'm away, than run into town?"

"Positively sure, Mr. Brunnett," she said sweetly, "that is," she added softly, "if you are willing to trust me."

Something new and strange stirred within the man's soul. Could he trust her? Why, he felt like telling her outright he could trust her to the ends of the earth, but common sense reminded him that he had known her only since yesterday, and, worst of all—she was a servant in his house, not an acquaintance.

"I shall leave my house in your hands," he said, trying hard to effect his voice a bit into the gruffness that he found so hard to use when speaking to her.

"And I'll guard it with my very life," she interrupted.

Her speech startled him; instinct assured him she was speaking truthfully—how he wished she were a friend instead of a servant.

"I—I think you'll find a good helper in Andy's wife," the man returned. "I'll speak to her before I leave."

So it happened that while John Brunnett was fighting the Bulls and Bears in the stock exchange in the city, Tiny Thaxton, with the assistance of buxom Judy, was fighting the dust and dirt of two years' accumulation in the house at Blossom Valley.

At the end of the fifth day it fairly shone in cleanliness from the brass knocker on the front door to the hinges on the back.

Tiny had thrown the blinds open to the winter sunshine, and cleaned with her own hands the dainty lace curtains that covered the windows. Look where you would, not a speck of dust or dirt was to be found.

A note from the master of the house had informed her that he would be home some time Saturday afternoon—just what time he would make his appearance she had no idea—but in order to leave nothing undone that would surprise him, she had the fire lit in the big fireplace and from the much neglected conservatory she had found enough flowers to add color to the scene, and then she curled up in the same chair in which she had sat when she signed the agreement just a week ago to become housekeeper for the Beast of Blossom Valley. She was as fresh and sweet in her simple little house dress as the old aristocratic house looked in its cleanliness.

The week, though a very strenuous one, was already proving beneficial; that tired, numb feeling that had been her constant companion in Leeds' office was gone from her brain, and though physically tired, she was spiritually happy; she hoped the Beast of Blossom Valley would be pleased.

Suddenly the door opened, and the man of her thoughts came in. An exclamation of joy escaped his lips when he beheld the transformation.

"Home—thank God!—it looks like home again," he said fervently as he bowed his head among the flowers.

"I—I—hoped you would like it," a voice interrupted, and turning, he came face to face with the one who was responsible for his joy.

"Like it!" he exclaimed, catching her small hand in his in a clasp of tenderness. "Why, it's like coming home to come in and find everything sweet and clean and flowery—it only lacks mother's presence of being perfect."

"I'm sorry that's impossible," Tiny said sweetly. Suddenly the man realized with embarrassment that he was still holding her hands, and quickly he released them.

Tiny noticed the movement, but joy instead of shame thrilled her heart. She drew a chair near the fire, into which he immediately sank.

"Now," she said pleasantly, "while you rest I'll run in and fix you something good to eat."

"Isn't Judy here?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes," Tiny answered, "but it isn't necessary to keep her longer; the hard work is done and I—I—like the cooking as—as well as the lounging chairs."

His eyes rested upon her for an instant in astonishment.

"I'm sure of that," Brunnett answered slowly, "but I had as well tell you now that I learned today that my business is going to keep me pretty well on the jump this winter." He didn't tell her, however, that he had of his own free will arranged it so, nor that he felt afraid of living in his own home with the woman he had hired to look after it.

"Of course," he continued, "I'll be dropping in most every Saturday, and since I can't leave you alone in the house, I've been thinking that Judy might stay on, and help you out."

"But what would I do," Tiny asked, "if Judy remains?"

"You—you—well—you might darn up my socks and mend my clothes, and read to me when I come home, like—mother used to."

"Is that a cook's duty?" Tiny asked.

"I didn't hire you to cook," Brunnett answered, "unless it was necessary. You're my—my—housekeeper, and I want you to be presentable at all times to go to the front door."

Tiny was puzzled; she hadn't expected anything like this.

"Can you read and write creditably?" Brunnett queried.

"I think so," Tiny answered. "I've had a little experience."

"Well," the man replied thoughtfully, "in that case you can be a lot of help to me—you'll do my correspondence."

"I might be able to type your letters with a bit of practice," Tiny added. "I studied stenography once."

John Brunnett wrinkled his brow in deep study. "You're some woman," he said slowly, "but that's your business—and if you'll help me with my correspondence over Sundays, we'll retain Judy by the month for that part of your service."

"You're very kind, Mr. Brunnett," Tiny said sweetly. "I'll run in and give Judy the order for dinner."

"Tell her," Brunnett called after the retreating figure, "to set the table for two."

As Tiny had proved her ability as a housekeeper, she proved her worth as a stenographer. John Brunnett marveled at the rapidity of her

speed, the correctness of her English—but, try as he would, not a breath could he learn of her past—she had come like a ray of sunshine into his old home, and her presence had kept it sunny ever since.

The winter was like a long, sweet dream to the Beast of Blossom Valley; no matter where business called him, he was never too far away to get back home for Sunday, and though Tiny kept herself in readiness to receive his guests, not a soul came during the winter—and, oh, what a wonderful winter it had been, too! With Judy to do the housework, she had found plenty of time for keeping Brunnett's wardrobe in perfect condition, for daily walks in the woods, and at nights the old home would ring with the music of her happy voice; the trembling was gone from her fingers, her cheeks would rival the red of any June rose; her eyes twinkled like the stars on a dark night, and she was happy.

While every day Brunnett, in spite of himself, had to admit that the girl was growing dearer to him; time and time again he had tried to learn something about her, but his efforts had all been in vain, though he had made a house-to-house canvass on Jupiter Street trying to learn something of her past. But at last he gave up—what did it matter, anyway?—she was his servant.

As the winter was giving way to the spring, however, love overruled his selfish pride, and he admitted to himself that regardless of who or what she might have been, he loved her, and that night he started home to stay.

It was late afternoon when he reached Blossom Valley, and failing to find the little woman in the house, he went to the garden. Just as he expected, he found her prying among the flowers, but, to his astonishment, he plainly saw traces of tears in her eyes when she greeted him.

"You're—not becoming dissatisfied, Tiny?" he asked anxiously as his strong hand caught her weaker one in a vise-like grasp.

"Not dissatisfied," she answered, "but heart-sick."

For a moment the man stood as though stunned from a heavy blow.

"There are so many things on this place that needs the attention of a loving hand," the girl continued falteringly, "that I can't decide which one to attend to first."

In a flash the man's arms were around her. "Tiny darling," he said tenderly, "you have spoken the truth, but I—I—need you more than anything else—won't you come to me first?"

Tiny looked up into the eager face. "You know very little about me, John, to offer me such an honor."

"I've fought that out, Tiny dear," he answered. "I don't care who you are or what you did before you came to me—I only know you came, and that I love you—and I want you forever."

Tiny hid her face on Brunnett's broad shoulder. "I've known that for a long time," she said sweetly, "but I didn't know whether you'd ever find it out yourself or not; and as for my past—well, dear," she continued softly, "it was absolutely colorless until I found—"

"The Beast of Blossom Valley," Brunnett interrupted laughingly as their lips met.

Old-Fashioned Pickles and Other Seasonable Recipes

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mash, and to each heaping cup of squash add one teaspoon of dry flour mixed with five tablespoons of brown sugar, half-a-teaspoon each of ground ginger, cinnamon, and salt, one fourth of a teaspoon of nutmeg, and one well-beaten egg. Stir thoroughly together, and add one cup of boiling hot milk and about one tablespoon of butter. Beat well and pour into a deep pie plate lined with pastry made the same as for "turnovers." Bake in a very moderate oven until brown, which will take an hour or more. Slow cooking improves the flavor. If the pie boils, it will be spoiled.

TURNOVERS.—Stir three fourths of a cup of lard until it is creamy, and slowly add one half cup of ice water, and one teaspoon of salt. Add enough pastry flour to make a stiff dough, working it in with two knives. Dust board with flour, turn out the dough and flour. Do not handle more than possible. Make into ball and roll to about a half-inch thickness, working from the center of ball each time, first from you and then toward you. Lift from board and turn over if the pastry sticks. Make into a roll and cut enough pastry from the end for each turnover. Roll into a circle, put filling onto one half, wet the edge with cold water so it will stick together, fold over and press edges together. Make several tiny incisions in the top for the steam to escape through. Brush over with milk or water.

APPLES AND RAISIN FILLING.—Chop two cups of apple with half-a-cup of raisins. Season with three teaspoons of melted butter, quarter of a teaspoon of cinnamon and eight tablespoons of sugar mixed with two rounding tablespoons of flour. Use more sugar if desired.

SQUASH GEMS.—Warm three-fourths cup of dry sifted squash, add one-fourth cup of brown sugar and beat until dissolved. Add one well-beaten egg, one tablespoon of warmed butter and one cup of thick sour milk. To one and one-half cup of sifted flour and one-half cup of fine corn-meal add two rounding teaspoons of baking powder and one scant half teaspoon of soda, and stir into mixture. Beat hard one minute and bake in a fairly hot oven until brown. Sprinkle tops with chopped nuts if desired.

MEAT HASH LOAF.—Put through the meat chopper one cup of raw lean beef, one half of an onion, two potatoes, one beet, two carrots, one small turnip and a stalk of celery. Use raw vegetables. Make a white sauce the same as given for "Macaroni and Peas," and stir through vegetables with one cup of bread-crumbs. Season with salt and pepper. Press into a deep tin, cover with beef fat or drippings and bake in a moderate oven about two hours. Serve hot, cut into thick slices. A thin slice of hard-boiled egg on each slice of loaf and salad green makes an attractive garnish.

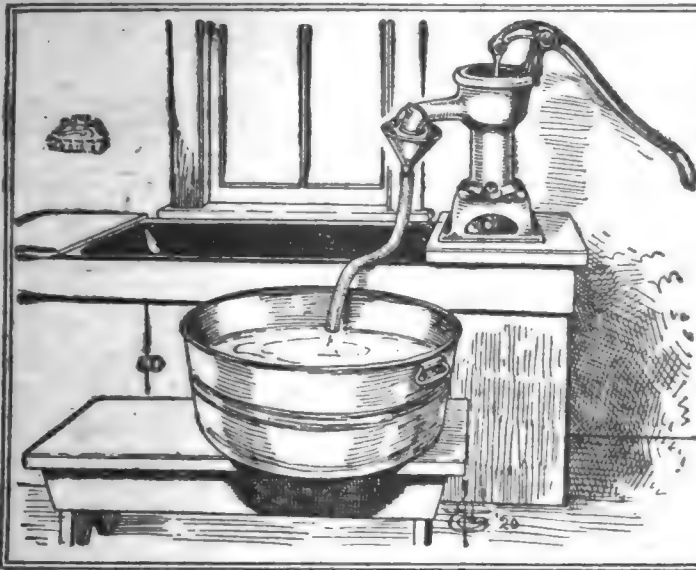
MACARONI WITH PEAS.—One of two vegetables mixed with macaroni forms a very nutritious dish as well as "tasty." Drop the macaroni into boiling salted water and boil hard until soft. Plunge into cold water to prevent it becoming pasty. Mix with peas, mashed turnip, beets and carrots cut into cubes, or boiled cabbage. Season with butter, pepper and salt, or pour over a white sauce made as follows: Put two tablespoons of butter into a saucepan and when it bubbles slowly cream in one rounding tablespoon of dry flour. Slowly add one cup of hot milk, or equal parts of milk and water, and simmer five minutes. Season to taste.

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THE MODERN WASH DAY

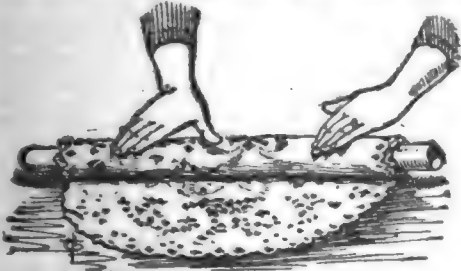
By
Ella Gordon

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THE majority of housewives today are doing their own washing and ironing. It is a true saying that "it is not the wear but the care of clothing that determines how long it will last," and this is why more and more women have joined the ranks of those who would save by doing their own laundering. Naturally, the buying of materials that wear the best and save ironing has resulted in crepe, seersucker and knitted garments becoming very popular. After washing, they require only to be pulled into shape.

Importance of Proper Equipment

If portable tubs are used, there should be three of them. A wash-bench high enough to stand straight at the hips, with back bending just



DOILIES SHOULD BE ROLLED BEFORE THEY ARE PUT AWAY.

enough to procure a purchase on the clothes. Cultivate washing with the arms rather than with the back. It greatly lessens fatigue.

If a kitchen pump is used, insert a large tunnel into the end of a length of hose, fastening the tunnel to the head of pump so it will come under the spout. (See illustration.) Fill tubs by putting the other end of hose into the tub and pumping water into the tunnel. If you have running water in the house conducted through pipes with faucet fittings, connect hose with the faucet. Do not unnecessarily lift water. If one has a perfectly clean sink, it can be used to rinse clothes in by cutting a large circle from the side of a discarded hot-water bottle, placing it over the sink drain and putting an inverted saucer over it. The suction will hold it in place.

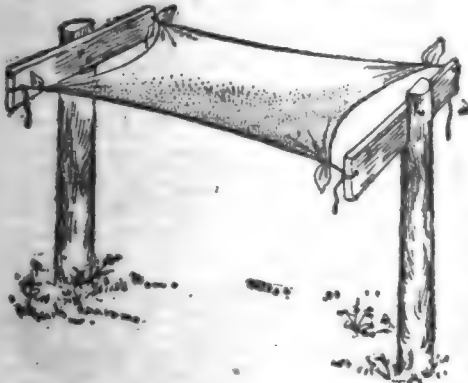
Use a washing machine if possible. The wear it saves the clothes will soon pay for it, to say nothing of the backaches it prevents. Use a wringer. Twisting clothes is destructive, besides the wringer presses out much dirty water that the hands cannot do. Keep the wringer oiled and cleaned. The rubber rollers will last much longer if the thumbscrews are loosened when wringer is not being used. Select a smooth, well-made washboard. Glass ones are the best. Wash and dry after using. Extend the life of your boiler by always washing and drying and hanging where it will not rust. Use a smooth wooden clothes stick.

How to Wash Clothes

The way clothes are washed has very much changed in the last few years. And with many, wash day has also changed. The clothes used always be put in soak Sunday night to be washed on Monday. There is a very logical reason for changing wash day to Tuesday, for Monday is the day when most housewives find the larder rather scant of cooked food, as little cooking is done on Sunday. So why not take Monday to get the house put to rights and a little cooking ahead before the big job of doing a washing is commenced? It makes the whole work easier.

Cold water combined with soap is a far better dirt solvent than hot. Stains common to the family wash are set by hot water and then must be rubbed out. The first step toward putting out a satisfactory washing, is to remove all fresh stains from the clothes. These include fruit and blood stains. Every household should boast of a full set of stain removers. They cost very little, last a long time, save work and the annoyance that the sight of a stained article always causes.

Cold water first, then soap will remove such stains as milk, cream and cocoa, meat juices, blood, egg, machine grease and oil, kerosene, per-



CREASE-CLOTHES STRETCHED TIGHT FOR DRYING SWEATER.

spiration and water marks. Grass, stove polish, shoe blacking and slight mildew will, when fresh, generally yield to cold water. If set, use de-natured alcohol or Javelle water. Tea, coffee and berry stains are removed with boiling water. Ammonia, followed by a thorough rinsing in boiling water, will usually remove acid stains. Diluted, it can be used on colors and delicate fabrics. Iron rust and ink stains, if not too old, can be removed with citric or tartaric acid solution. Rinse immediately. Old blood stains and heavy mildew is removed by sprinkling with chloride of lime and moistening with vinegar or very sour milk.

Rinse as soon as the stains disappear else the fabric will be weakened.

JAVELLE WATER.—One half pound chloride of lime dissolved in two quarts of cold water. One pound of washing soda dissolved in one quart of boiling water. Pour the clear liquid from the chloride of lime into the soda solution. Let the mixture settle and then strain the liquid through a cloth into bottles. Cork and keep in dark place.

A Simple Washing Process

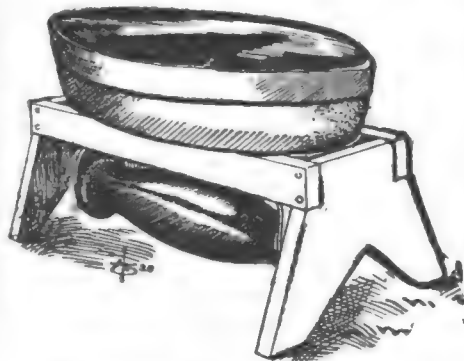
One of the modern ways of washing is by the cold-pack process. Soak the clothes a few minutes in cold water. Press the clothes and drain off the water. Take each piece separately and rub over with soap jelly made by cutting into shavings a bar of soap and dissolving it in boiling water. After soaping, fold each piece and lay into second tub. The clothes can stand overnight, but two hours is sufficient to start the dirt. Add fairly hot water and wash. Put into boiler with a little fresh soap, and after boiling commences, boil five minutes. Rinse through two or more waters, the last slightly blued.

The Cause of "Gray" Clothes

There are many who put twice as much labor as necessary into washing, yet have "gray" clothes. The reason is simple. Strong bleaching powders are very difficult to rinse out, and are seldom necessary. If not thoroughly rinsed out in very hot water, after a few washings the clothes will be gray. Bluing grays clothes that are improperly rinsed. A hot iron also turns clothes dark that are not thoroughly rinsed. Hard water that has been softened should be strained before the clothes are put in, as the sediment is quite likely to give the clothes a dingy appearance.

Colored Clothes and Woolens

The washing of colored clothes is very simple. Use only fresh lukewarm water. Boiler suds is unfit and will cause fading. Cotton will stand more misuse than any other material, hence it is an ideal fabric for school wear. Carefully rinsed in lukewarm water slightly salted, dried in the shade, and ironed with irons not over-hot, it will wear and retain its color several seasons. Woolens claim very different treatment. Washing in too hot or too cold water, rubbing strong



HOME-MADE RACK FOR INVERTED IRON.

yellow soap into the garments, hard rubbing and putting through a wringer are the usual mistakes which cause wool to "felt," and become gray.

Use only soft, tepid water, and enough wool or other white soap to make a suds. One tablespoon of ammonia to each pail of water is harmless and acts as a dirt solvent. Before putting woolen garments or blankets into the water, brush and shake out the loose lint. Soak about forty-five minutes. Wash by squeezing and working in and out the water. A hand washer or washing machine makes the work easy. Squeeze out the water and put into a second suds containing about one third as much soap and ammonia. After being put through the suds, rinse in clean tepid water. Squeeze by hand and dry in the open air. It is always well to put off washing wools until the day is bright and windy.

Drying and Ironing

In these busy days any housewife has a right to put away "rough-dried" many garments and household articles. Everyday sheets should be evenly hung to dry, folded smoothly and put away without ironing. This also applies to cup towels, other coarse towels, all crepe and seersucker undergarments, men's stockings, etc. Make the ironing of skirts and dresses easy by always hanging to dry on a straight of the cloth. If hung by a gored seam, or a bias grain of the cloth, the garment will be out of shape and require much pulling into shape, if it can be done at all.

Doilies, centerpieces and round articles are ironed by doing the centers first, the edges by always working the iron from the center across the edges. If the outer edges are done first in a round-and-round fashion, they will likely stretch and give a bulging appearance to the centers. Roll them on a table, or over a roll of stiff paper, as illustrated, after they are wound.

Every housewife is entitled to a good ironing board and a skirt board. They greatly lessen labor and are always ready for use. Use a fair amount of padding. An old blanket folded once, or in three thicknesses, is about right, but at first may seem thick. Too much padding prevents smoothness and quick drying, and too little will not show the fabrics to advantage. Iron linen and starched things dry.

Special Cleaning

In almost every house there are soiled garments and furnishings which cannot be washed in the usual way and which hardly seem worth the expense of cleaning by a professional. Hair ribbons, velvets, old curtains, etc., are among the

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our big spreading maple tree and talk and talk. Yes, I love cats, too.

Look, look, let me say that farm life is no rose dream. It takes hard work to produce those golden fields of grain but let your heart decide, only don't mistake pity for love.

Mother, I'd like to talk with you and I'd love to go shopping with Pearl Vasey and her kiddies.

Mrs. W. D. Ford, your girlie is sweet. What is her name?

Mrs. Wilkinson, would you like to spend the day with me? We'd pick strawberries, go fishing and maybe wade in the creek. Yes, and you could swing in my hammock or lawnswing. We have plenty of shade and will have lunch under the trees and you can have all the cream you want for your strawberries.

Oodles of love to all.

MERRY ROMPING PEGGY.

Peggy.—Isn't it too bad that people will refuse their share of life's sunshine when they would be so much happier if they'd only feel like this:

"Good morning, Brother Sunshine,
Good morning, Sister Song,
I beg your humble pardon
If you've waited very long.
I thought I heard you rapping,
To shut you out were sin,
My heart is standing open
Won't you walk—right—in?"

Thanks, Peggy, for the strawberries and cream and the good time promised me but are you sure the sisters wouldn't see us if we went wading? That isn't the most dignified conduct for a person of my years, you must remember.—Ed.

ALBERTVILLE, ALA.

DEAR FRIENDS:

I read with interest the many letters that appear in each issue of COMFORT. Some of them are so cheerful you feel just like a spring day after reading them, while others give you the "indigestion" and you feel just like a rainy day on the Fourth of July. I disagree with some of the sisters in pouring out their burdens of sorrow to the whole world. Why, I never worry my door-neighbors with any of my little petty troubles, much less faraway friends. A lady, once remarked: "You look as though you never had a care in your life." I have had, but why should I worry her with an open confession of all my little trials and tribulations. They have been but trifles, and if I can keep them buried in my heart out of sight from the world I'm sure it will take something more than a "busy neighbor" with her spade-like tongue to ever dig them out. I notice some of the sisters give remedies and recipes. I shall give the following remedy for the benefit of KNOCKERS:

Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may really know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in, jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest town or community on earth—and it is.

Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors.

There's no end of fun minding your own business. It makes other people like you. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker.

I was married several years ago to an exceptionally good man. We have built us an "ideal home." The foundation is made of very substantial material—LOVE. It is bounded by four sides, KINDNESS, FAITHFULNESS, HELPFULNESS and CHERFULNESS. It is covered with heavy roofing of SUNSHINE. Trust all you sisters and brothers have a home like ours, but if you do not, let me insist that you begin at once working together to repair the one you have.

Pearl Vasey, I like your cheerful letters and yours

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

The Little Things

SHE had on the prettiest dress in the room; her face was lovely, her manner charming, yet she failed to attract. Why? Ah, that's the moral I want to point out to my Pretty Girls this month. She just missed attraction by carelessness in the little things. You should have seen her stockings, my dears! Nobody could lay claim to being the belle of the occasion with ankles which looked like hers.

Oh, the stockings themselves were innocent enough, but the manner in which they draped themselves around her ankles would cure any observer of the admiration he had started to experience. For they were wrinkled in folds.

Now, there is no excuse for little lapses of the toilet like this. They simply mean that one is careless and not exactly nice about one's self.

And who can admire a girl who is not punctilious about her toilet?

"But," I hear some of my girls exclaim, "perhaps her stockings were too long in the leg and just wouldn't stretch smooth."

There isn't any "just wouldn't" about matters of the toilet. It is up to the dainty young woman to see that defects of this kind are taken care of—and every such defect can be taken care of.

A good way to prevent wrinkled stockings is to wear two pairs of garters—or, rather, to wear side garters (which may be more than one pair, and probably are if they are attached to one's corset as they should be) and round garters as well.

Round garters should not be worn above the knee, where they impede the circulation, but below the knee. Side garters of proper length, attached to the corset in front, at the side and at the back (making three pairs of garters all together), will keep the stockings firm and smooth without the aid of the round garter, but the latter is an additional precaution besides being an attractive feature of one's toilet. The very last and tiniest wrinkle can be smoothed out and out of the leg of the stocking with the aid of the round garter.



A TOILET SPOILED BY WRINKLED STOCKINGS AND A CARELESS WAY OF STANDING.

Of course one may be very gay indeed as to one's round garters—they may be of shirred satin ribbon over elastic, or they may be of very narrow black elastic fastened with a rhinestone buckle, or they may be of black velvet, shirred, and fastened with a pink satin rose. Indeed, one may be as decorative as one desires. But, after all, the main point is that with them the stockings may be kept smooth and the ankles as trim and neat and dainty as possible. I hope all my girls will make up their minds to cast a last careful glance over their toilets before they leave their rooms, each time, and be sure that there are no wrinkled stockings, gaping hooks and eyes, frayed hems, or other shortcomings left unattended to.

I have told you before, and I repeat again, the girl who pays attention to all the little niceties that mark her as a dainty young woman has an attraction which beauty alone can never compete with; and a careful toilet makes up for many a flaw of feature and figure. Don't forget!

Answers to Questions

MARY A.—Oh, my dear, imagine anybody asking how to develop the hips! If you could only know the hundreds of women who are pining to reduce theirs! If I were you, I would let mine alone; they will, no doubt, put on flesh without any special aid, in time, and in any case slim hips are much to be desired these days. As a matter of fact, measurement, however, your hips should be the same size as your bust, and your waist should be ten inches smaller. If your hips are thin, I should judge that your entire body is below the proper weight. You should eat fat-producing foods and chew every mouthful carefully before swallowing. The foods which put fat on thin hips are potatoes with butter, white bread and butter, rice, cereals with cream and sugar, macaroni, butter on your food, fat meats, gravies, sweet things. But, remember, that to produce fat, they must be digested properly. To take food which the stomach does not digest does not produce anything but indigestion and dyspepsia. So chew your food thoroughly, eat plenty of it, drink between meals, and watch your weight and your general condition. Drink plenty of milk. Exercise—for which you ask—will not put flesh on your hips, except indirectly. That is, it will stimulate the bodily functions and produce a more healthy condition, and from this may come added flesh, but it will not add flesh to your hips, and that is what you need. So make up your mind to eat to gain; to exercise to spur the body to do its work properly; to rest eight or nine hours out of every twenty-four. And you will soon find your hips filling out. As to clipping the hair every three or four months, I do not recommend it. If you have the patience to clip your hair, one hair at a time when it has a split end, that is perfectly sensible, but you should clip just above the split. To clip wholesale—that is, an inch or so off the ends of all the hair—shortens the hair and is seldom necessary.

MISSISSIPPI.—You did not tell me your weight, your height and other measurements, so I have no way of telling how much overweight you are and of advising you intelligently. I may say generally that the best way to reduce—in fact, the only way—is through regulating the diet. You must cut out the foods which make fat, and eat only those which give strength without producing fat. This means no potatoes, rice, sugar, macaroni, white bread, butter, cream, milk, candy, sweet desserts, fat meats, gravies, etc. But this leaves you plenty to eat. There is a book called "Eat and Grow Thin" which you would do well to read. Any book store can order it for you. Exercise active enough to make you perspire freely is also another excellent method of reducing, but must be helped out by the proper diet. There have been many answers given by me within the last three months to people who wanted to reduce, wherein I have planned out meals and given exercises. Practice any kind of exercise that you have found or may find in these columns, and be conscientious about adhering to the diet rules given. Then you will find yourself beginning to reduce.

PEARL.—I gave a freckle formula last month, also some advice about summer and winter freckles. Follow

that advice, my dear. In regard to freckles, prevention is better than cure, and if you are careful next spring about your complexion, I think you will find the old freckles wearing away. You weigh enough for your age, and are a very good height. Later on, you will add ten or fifteen pounds, but it would be too much now.

AGNES.—You do not weigh any too much for your height, but if you would feel better to weigh somewhat less, note what I say to "Mississippi." However, there is one thing that you want to remember, and that is that a girl of fourteen needs lots of nourishment. Her body is undergoing changes and has to be kept strong and well-nourished to do its work. As a matter of fact, it is probable that the reason your hair is falling out and splitting at the ends is because your body is not furnishing it enough nourishment. If I were you, I would not attempt to reduce in weight at present, but would eat good healthful foods, drink milk, eat white bread and butter, lean meats, green vegetables and fresh fruits. As to the dandruff, your hair needs shampooing more frequently. Wash it once in three weeks, dissolving the soap you mean to use in hot water and pouring this liquid over your scalp a little at a time while you rub the scalp and lather the hair. Do not use a strong soap, as it cuts the skin and causes dandruff—which is nothing more or less than flaking skin. The white household soap will do, and you can shave it into the boiling water, letting it stand after it has been thoroughly dissolved, until you are ready to use it. Rinse the hair very carefully many times, for if you leave soap on the scalp or in the hair it will cause dandruff also. Brush the hair gently—not with strong, hard strokes—every night for forty or fifty times at the very least; and let it hang loose when you retire. In hot weather, it is a good idea to take the hair down during the day and let it air for ten minutes or so, especially if the scalp perspires. Massaging the scalp at night will stimulate it to healthy action. You no doubt read the directions last month or the month before in this department.

OKLAHOMA.—Yes, the milk diet means sweet milk. To gain by this method, you must drop solid food. For the first week, you are allowed an evening meal of simple, nourishing food, but after the first week no solid food at all. Each night put to soak half-a-dozen prunes in a tumbler of warm water. In the morning drink the prune juice, and eat the prunes, masticating them thoroughly before swallowing. Do this immediately on rising. If you rise at 7:00, take a tumbler of hot water at 7:30, and at 7:30 begin your milk, taking a glass and a half. Do not gulp this down, but drink it slowly, "chewing" each mouthful before swallowing. Take a glass and a half every hour until 3:30. Eat your supper at 6:00 or 6:30, then between that hour and going to bed drink two glasses of hot water. The second week, drink two glasses of milk each hour from 7:30 A. M. until including 6:30 P. M. Take your prunes on rising and your glass of hot water as directed. Remember, you eat no food at all after the first week. The milk you are taking contains more nourishment than any amount of solid food you could possibly eat. Weigh on the afternoon of the first week, and weekly thereafter on the afternoon of the last day. You should gain from one to three or four pounds per week.

BROWN-EYED MARY.—Well, well, my girl with the changeable hair. I am sure I do not know what causes this, unless a difference in brushing. Although it is also possible that it is a "dusty color" after shampooing, a "soft brown" as the oil gets spread out upon the hair once more from brushing, and "almost black" as it grows more and more oily between shampoos. The dandruff indicates that you are using too strong a soap in shampooing, too stiff a brush in brushing—thus irritating the scalp—or that you do not rinse the hair thoroughly at the time of shampooing. That is, any one of these three simple things might cause dandruff, as well as a general bodily condition. Before your next shampoo, oil the scalp at night—using a medicine dropper and running it along a part from forehead to nape of neck, then along another part, and so on. Let the oil stay on all night, with the head tied up in a towel. Then in the morning shampoo thoroughly. Afterward, be sure that you brush the hair gently, and that your brush is not stiff. Of course, you never use a fine comb on the scalp, do you? This would break the skin and cause dandruff. Try massaging the scalp at night. About the occasional pimple on the face, you are quite right in thinking I will say it is from "your blood." Because that's where all pimples come from, except those which are caused by a blackhead festering. I wouldn't be surprised if yours are blackhead pimples, and get sore in trying to discharge their contents. You might try steaming the face when one of these appears—see my answer to "Mabel," although the best plan is to watch carefully and see that no



ANKLES THAT ARE GOOD TO LOOK AT.

blackheads form. I am glad you are so careful about your bodily habits. Do you drink six to eight glasses of water every day? Success to you!

HOPELESS.—Oh, indeed, my dear, you are not at all a "hopeless case." I should say that your whole trouble came from not nourishing your body sufficiently. You ought to weigh 115 or 120 pounds, and if you will build yourself up to that weight, I think you will find that your skin will whiten out of its own accord. At present you are not giving it the ingredients which make a fair skin. Do you see? You must regard yourself as a sacred trust. I know most women who are as busy as you are around the house get to feeling that anything will do for them to eat. But that isn't so! Read what I have said about foods, to the other people this month, and follow the suggestions. Remember, fruits and vegetables are the best kind of medicines, but that you need milk, meat, fish, poultry, bread and butter, eggs, to build up your strength. You must eat three good hearty meals a day, with no fried foods, eat out coffee and tea altogether (either of them, taken frequently, could give you that tan skin), drink plenty of water between meals, and see that your bowels move freely at least once a day. As to the hands which we want to whiten, I will give you a formula for a whitening lotion, but the thing you must do is to take as much care of them as possible in doing your work. If you would buy a pair of "house-gloves"—

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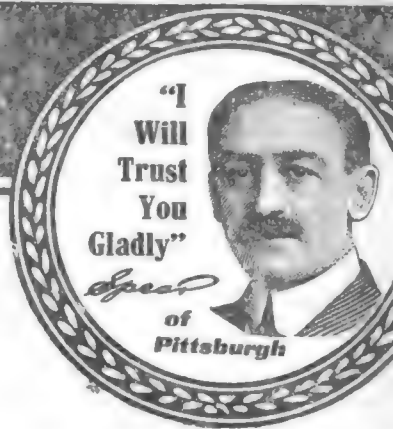
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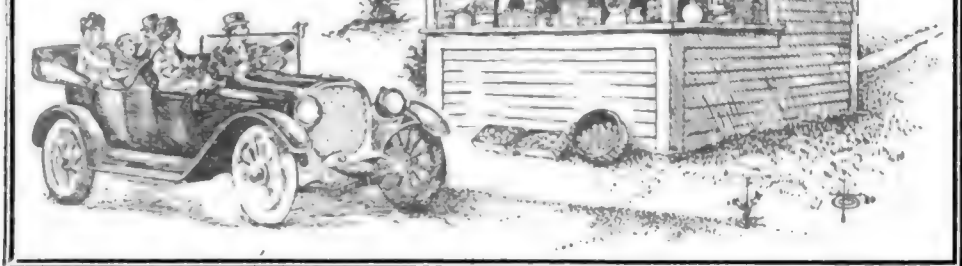
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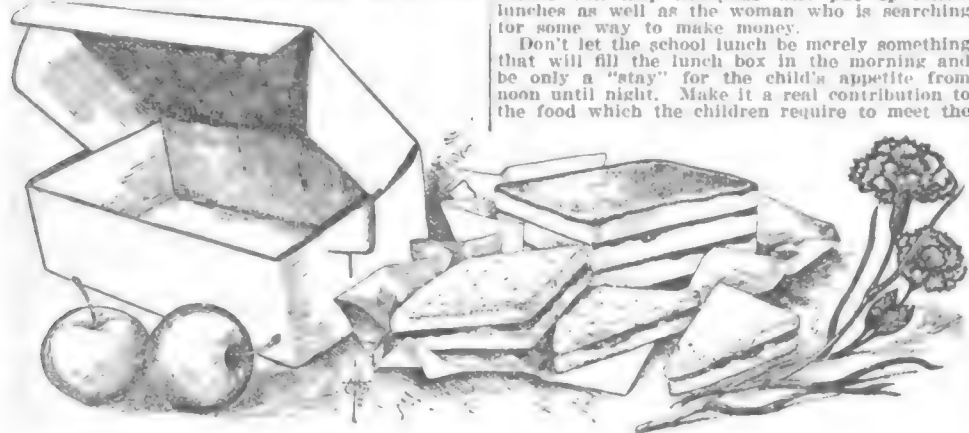
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THERE are many and varied opportunities for an ambitious woman to earn money at home if she will do that thing at which she is most skillful. Assuming that many of our friends have been aided in becoming efficient cooks by lessons taught in COMFORT'S cooking department, let us talk about the money-making possibilities in providing box lunches for travelers who tour the country by train or automobile.

In view of the fact that dining-car and restaurant lunches at the present time are very costly and too often of a doubtful quality, their patronage is therefore avoided by many travelers who prefer the box lunches, which can be bought at places or stations along the road, and consequently the catering to this demand has become a growing business.

The Station Lunch

Thousands of people are traveling frequently over the same road, through thickly or sparsely settled localities, and when once they discover where they are sure to find a substantial and palatable box lunch, they will wait until they get to that place. Then there will be those



THE PASTEBOARD BOX AND SOME OF ITS CONTENTS.

who buy because they see others who seem to know it is a "good thing"; and, besides, people must eat.

Is There a Profit?

Taking into consideration the difference between the cost of raw material and a plate of food served in any public eating place, I will answer that there is. At home, there are no added overhead expenses by way of rentals or service. These are large items to the public caterer and the consumer must pay them.

In setting the price for any food, there must be an accurate reckoning of cost of all the ingredients used. Also figure the time of preparation, and allow yourself so much per hour. The expense of fuel is an item, as well. If supplies raised at home are available, such as milk, eggs, butter, jellies, nuts, etc., reckon these at the market price. There is an ample variety of food for box lunches on which a substantial profit may be realized, so do not make anything that does not pay.

Collapsible pastebord boxes, waxed paper and paper napkins will be necessary, and if used in quantity any dealer will be glad to make a special price.

Contents of the Box Lunch

If you would gain a reputation for putting together satisfactory lunches, the contents cannot be chosen "hit or miss." Instead, study what will constitute a lunch that is digestible, appetizing and not too much sweet. The sandwich plays an important part in the lunch because it is easily managed and the endless variety includes those that are almost a meal in themselves. Avoid anything that soaks through, or will not hold its original condition until eaten as it might "turn" one against the entire lunch. Use some fruit, either dried or fresh, in every box. It is very refreshing to the traveler.

Neatness is half the battle in putting the lunch together. If, on opening the box, the general appearance is that of cleanliness and forethought, you have created a desire for the food that a slovenly, careless appearance would entirely dispel. One woman who did a box lunch business also grew flowers, and she managed always to tuck one into the box between packages where it would be the first thing to catch the eye. It was like a cheerful greeting. Kept in water over night, a flower will retain its freshness for hours.

Assuming that the lunch boxes will be sold from large baskets carried on the arm, it will be necessary to have four or more persons to handle them; one at each end of train working toward the center of train when it stops, and two at the center working in opposite directions. This, of course, applies to a fairly long train, while shorter ones can be handled by two working from each end.

Quick handling of boxes with no unnecessary words must be insisted upon if the boxes are to be disposed of, for most train stops are short. In fixing the price of lunch, make it even money so that making change can be rapidly done. Have ample change in an open pocket. In some instances, one selling lunches is allowed to board trains, but usually one must rely on being seen in a conspicuous position as the train pulls in and the passengers stepping onto the platform to make the purchase. With alertness the watchword, the quick-minded one will soon learn how to make sales.

A Wayside Luncheon Booth

In all directions throughout the country many women have developed a paying business by cat-

tering to automobilists who pass through their locality. This is usually done by some sort of a display that attracts the attention of the passer-by.

The one here illustrated is the most unique I know of. A booth was built close to the roadside, just large enough for a counter across the front opening and shelves in back to hold the boxes of food. Displayed were soft drinks, milk, fruit, candy and cooked food neatly wrapped in paraffin papers. The crowning feature of the whole arrangement was the ringing of a large overhead bell just as each automobile came within hearing distance. The unexpected sound of the bell attracted attention, and in most instances would cause the driver to sufficiently slow down to find out what it was all about, with the result that if refreshments were in order they were quite likely to be bought then and there, as the novelty of the bell created a friendly interest in the booth.

The School Lunch

Let us depart a moment from the traveler's lunch to say a word about the school lunch which so many mothers are putting up every morning. In all sympathy, let me say that I appreciate the monotony of the daily lunch basket; but it is monotonous as well for the one who day after day must eat cold food. I am hoping that this article will help hundreds who put up school lunches as well as the woman who is searching for some way to make money.

Don't let the school lunch be merely something that will fill the lunch box in the morning and be only a "stay" for the child's appetite from noon until night. Make it a real contribution to the food which the children require to meet the

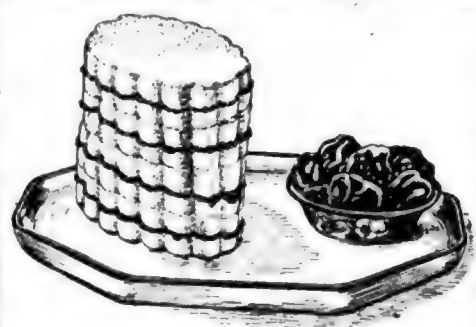
needs of their growing bodies and active brains; to satisfy their appetite and keep them in health. Remember, the cure for monotony is to be master of your job.

Box Lunch Recipes

Sandwiches

Cut the bread evenly with a sharp knife kept for the purpose. Do not cut it too thick; three eighths of an inch is about right. Trim off any hard crust without cutting into the soft bread. Wrap each sandwich in paraffin paper. Long tins can be bought purposely for the sandwich loaf which is long and square. These will be found economical as little trimming, if any, is necessary.

WHITE COMPRESSED YEAST BREAD.—Pour one pint of hot sweet milk over one tablespoon of good lard, and one teaspoon each of salt and sugar. Do not allow milk to more than scald, as boiled milk will not make as good bread. Cool to lukewarm and then add three quarters of a yeast-cake that has dissolved in one half cup of lukewarm water. Stir in four cups of bread flour and beat until smooth and full of air. Set to rise by putting the mixing bowl, covered closely, in a pan of hot water about the temperature the hand can be comfortably held in, changing the water as it cools. During the entire process the dough should be kept in a warm place sheltered from drafts. In about an hour, beat the mixture again and add the remainder of flour. An excellent test as to amount of flour is to have the dough keep a round shape when you stop stirring. If the dough flattens, stir in more flour. Cut through and through and stir in the bowl, then cover again and rise to double its bulk. Turn onto a floured board and with as little handling as possible shape into loaves that will not quite fill the pans half full. Rise nearly to double its size and bake one hour. The fire must be under control so that a fairly hot oven may be maintained during the first half hour, and slowly decreased the last half. Place baked loaves where the air will circulate freely around them but not in a draft. Cake coolers are excellent for this purpose. Bread for sandwiches



IDEAL SCHOOL LUNCH.

is best one day old. Where any considerable amount of bread is made, a bread mixer is a saving investment.

RAISED NUT BREAD.—Scald one pint of milk. Add one third cup of molasses and two scant teaspoons of salt. When cold, stir in two thirds of a yeast-cake dissolved in four tablespoons of lukewarm water. Use entire wheat flour, and proceed the same as in above recipe for white bread, working in one cup of chopped walnut or pecan nuts after the second rising in bowl.

YEAST BISCUITS.—Use White Compressed Yeast Bread recipe. Make into flat, round biscuits and bake in a quick oven until brown. Instead of making a sandwich, carefully cut out the top, not the sides, pull out the soft center and fill, then replace top.

Sandwich Fillings

BEEF TONGUE.—With a vegetable brush wash a perfectly fresh beef tongue through three waters. Cover with boiling water and simmer twelve minutes to the pound, adding plenty salt after it is about half cooked. When cold, skin and cut into thin slices. Use between well buttered slices of white bread.

PRESSED FOWL.—Dress, disjoint and half cover with boiling water. Cover tightly and slowly simmer until meat is tender and cleaves from the bones, turning occasionally so each piece will come under the liquor. Add a little salt one hour before done. Remove every bit of meat free from bones, gristle and skin. Chop fine and season with salt and pepper, and add one quarter the amount of boiled rice. When thoroughly mixed, pour over the liquor the fowl was cooked in which should be just enough to soften. Press into bread tin, cover with a thin board a very little smaller than the tin and put on a heavy weight. Keep cold and use the following day. Cut in thin slices.

BOILED HAM.—Soak over night in cold water if very salt. Scrub well and trim off any black hard part around the bone end. Cover with cold water, bring slowly to boil and simmer until done, allowing about half an hour to pound. Another way is to take ham from water one and a half hour before done, remove skin and bake, basting often with vinegar mixed with brown sugar. Use in thin slices, with a little of the fat.

CHICKEN LIVERS AND BACON.—Broil thin slices of bacon in a very hot oven. They may be laid separately in a biscuit tin. Drain. Put chicken livers in a covered baking dish with a very little water and cook slowly until done. Put bacon and livers through the food chopper together, season with salt and pepper and spread between slightly buttered white bread.

FRUIT AND NUT FILLING.—Put together an equal amount of raisins and dates, and one third the amount of nut meats, and grind all together in the foodchopper. Add a little water and cook to a paste. When cold, add a few drops of lemon juice.

Prepare the dates by covering with boiling water three minutes and then plunging into cold water. The skins will then peel off. Remove stones. The seedless raisins should soak about five minutes in boiling water and then be skimmed out so not to get any grit. Rinse in a second hot water and skim out. Dry in the air.

EGG AND HAM.—Cook eggs half an hour. Put through food chopper with an equal amount of broken pieces of boiled ham. Mix with salt, pepper and a little melted butter.

Cakes

RAISIN CAKE.—Two cups of boiling water, one pound of washed seedless raisins, two cups of brown sugar, four tablespoons of melted butter and one-third teaspoon of salt boiled five minutes after it begins to boil. When cold, add one even teaspoon of salt, half a teaspoon each of allspice and cinnamon and three and a half or four cups of pastry flour. Bake in a loaf about two inches thick in a moderate oven. One hour.

FROSTED CUP CAKES.—Two thirds cup of butter or chicken fat, creamed with two cups of sugar. Beat in two well-beaten eggs, two teaspoons of vanilla or lemon extract. Sift four cups of sifted flour again with one even teaspoon of soda and two even teaspoons of cream of tartar, and add to mixture alternately with two cups of sweet milk. Fill gem pans about one third full of batter and bake half an hour in a moderate oven.

ICING.—Whites of two eggs and four teaspoons of lemon juice mixed lightly together. Gradually add two cups of powdered sugar and then beat hard five minutes. Spread on cold cakes.

OATMEAL COOKIES.—One cup of butter creamed with heaping cup of sugar until very light. Dissolve one teaspoon each of salt and sugar in three tablespoons of boiling water and then fill cup half full of cold water, and add to butter mixture. Mix together three cups each of rolled oats and flour. Beat half of this in until smooth and then add the remainder and stir smooth. Take small amount at a time and without kneading roll thin and cut into rounds. Bake in fairly quick oven. These will remain crisp if closed tightly in tin pail.

IDEAL SCHOOL LUNCH.—Mince boiled ham and spread between slices of buttered bread. Usually children will not care for much seasoning and will prefer the ham plain. Combine with a dish of steamed prunes. Wash prunes and put in steamer over a good head of steam and cook until plump. Roll in sugar while hot and set to cool.

Other Acceptable Foods for the Box

STUFFED EGGS.—Boil eggs twenty minutes. Carefully remove shell and cut lengthwise. Remove yolks, putting the whites of each egg together so they will not get mixed. Mash the yolks very fine with enough softened butter, pepper and salt to flavor. Also use a little finely chopped pickle and a very little prepared mustard. When thoroughly blended, fill whites, press together and wrap each egg closely in paraffin paper.

Small packages of cleansed and dried raisins with a few nut meats are liked by everyone. Stoned dates, filled with either cream cheese, peanut butter, half a walnut of pecan nuts, are equally good.

An apple, or orange in season, or a bunch of grapes are very refreshing.

Naming the Lunch

So there may be no mistake in the "brand" of lunch your customers are buying, and after you know your venture is going to be a success, it will be wise to name your lunch. Your own name may appear, or a name such as "Home Lunch from Blakely."

For an enterprising woman who lives near a school or a manufacturing establishment, the lunch box idea may be developed into a substantial business.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14.)

sunny disposition—may your tribe increase. Good by and good luck to all. **SUNSHINE.**

Sunshine.—Here's something to go with your philosophy of life:

"I've no doubt but I could double quite my quantity of trouble, but a trouble's but a bubble and soon vanishes from sight; I could probably be fearful if I wanted to, or fearful, but I can as well be cheerful if I go about it right."

And I get each day a measure of quite philosophic pleasure just by laying up a treasure of the sunshine on my way. That shall comfort me hereafter and attune my voice to laughter that shall ring from floor to rafter when it comes a rainy day." —Ed.

STATESVILLE, N. C.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS: Here I am again rolling my wheel chair into your happy circle and you had better get your toes out of the way.

Really, I had no idea that my letter would ever get

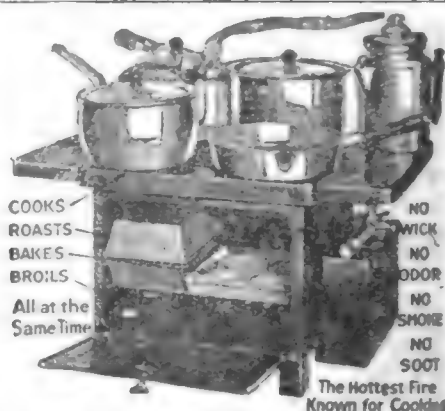
by the wastebasket, and I am hoping that the editor will have a little pity on me and publish this one at the earliest moment. Here is my reason for wanting it published as soon as possible: I have already received 527 letters in answer to mine printed in March COMFORT, and this is April 26th, and I am receiving from three to ten letters each day. Therefore, it is impossible for me to answer them all personally, which I would love to do, so I am writing this as an answer to all, and I hope that those who haven't heard from me will understand and accept my heartfelt thanks for their nice letters. However, I am keeping all the letters that I get, and I may find time to answer more of them later. Well, sisters, would you believe that you have a few among you who do not believe that the letters in your corner are real? Well you have, and here is a quotation from one of the letters that I have received: "I'm wondering if you are a trumped-up affair to fill space, or a real live boy." Also, "But the best way to break a soap bubble is to stick a pin in it and I'm going to stick a pin in you and see." I answered that letter and told the sister that she wasn't going to stick a pin in me if I knew myself, for I didn't fancy the idea of having a pin stuck in me to see what the effects would be. Say little sister over there, don't blush so furiously! I'm not going to tell your name or give your state, but if you keep up that blushing all the sisters will soon spot you as the one! If the sisters or any who have asked me to quote the prices on my pillow tops will read the rules at the beginning of this department they will see that I would be barred from this corner if I should do so, and of course I wouldn't want to take up the space that would be required for me to give the prices and different designs that I have should this be permitted.

I would like to make a few comments on the letters in this month's COMFORT, but I am real busy and haven't the time now, and, too, I don't feel that I should crowd out some one that is more worthy than I. However, I wish to say to R, that I don't see any reason why a man should not love a "divorcee" as well as a girl that has never had any matrimonial troubles, especially if the "divorcee" isn't responsible for the trouble.

I will have a birthday on the 19th of September and if any one wishes to write me a letter, will be glad to get it, but I cannot promise a reply. Many have asked me the cause of my invalidism, and I wish to say that I was thrown off of a wagon while hauling water for a threshing machine and the wheel passed over my spine. Thanking you one and all for your nice letters, **Sincerely, CLARENCE BEAM.**

Sorry, Clarence, that your letter couldn't have been printed before but by the time it was received the June and July COMFORT had been printed and the letters for August had been selected. Anyway, this is much nicer for we can all wish you many happy returns of the day. And to the 527 people who have written to Clarence, don't feel offended because he hasn't answered your letter. How would you like to write 527 letters? Besides, you wrote to him for his pleasure, not for yours, didn't you? In a recent letter from a Tennessee sister she said I was the "goddess and judge" of the Sisters' Corner and that she had been treated "like an unworthy culprit and with wholesale indifference," and that she should have been accorded recognition in some way if only to have been informed of the reason why her letter wasn't printed. How-

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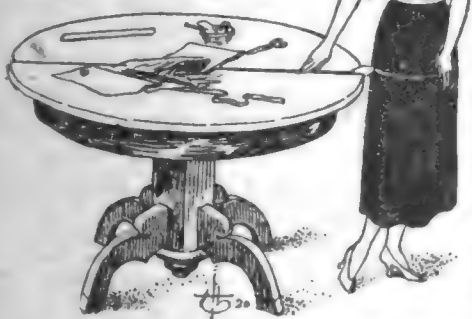
HOME SEWING AND MILLINERY —o— CARE, REPAIR AND REMAKING OF CLOTHING

By Caroline Ellis

WE are living in an age when time and energy are at a premium, and it behooves any woman to take a stock account of her time that it may be profitably divided. In families where one pair of hands performs many and widely varied duties, it is necessary to purchase some commodities on which all the labor has been performed, and it is right here that the wise woman will make a careful estimate of the money value of her ability that she may choose to do those things which pay the highest price for her time. For instance, the woman who can make hats and dresses for herself and family and knows the art of repairing, is nowadays a high wage earner and can ill afford time and strength for doing heavy washings. It takes several hours to do a family wash, and in this same amount of time experienced fingers will have a child's dress well along toward completion, and when the expense of hiring the washing done is compared with the price of as well made a garment, after deducting the cost of material, there will be no doubt that time spent in sewing is well spent.

And by "sewing," I do not refer to embroidering or the making of braided rugs. These things belong to hours of leisure, for it takes many of them. If my good friends will pardon personal reference, I will tell you that for years I have wanted to make a set of braided rugs and some very spacious bags are bulging with rug pieces that I have saved year by year. Sometime I shall give myself this great pleasure, but it will be when head and hands can no longer meet the pressing demands upon life, and my time is less valuable to others.

And now to return to the matter of clothes, which most women will admit is ever a problem. For those who can



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eliminate all other kinds of work and make a business of getting the season's sewing done, it is the ideal way, but with most of us the sewing basket is always full, waiting for attention.

Some Practical Rules for Dressing

It is not the number of changes that stamps a woman as well dressed, but having them all available all the time is the secret of getting along with a few. It is extremely wasteful to cast aside a silk waist because it is much soiled, with perhaps a reamed place under the arm and snaps lost or loosened. Three hours would be sufficient to put such a waist in order, so that the time spent would be worth at least half the cost of a new waist. First, darn the reamed place to a piece of silk cut from bottom of waist, or to a thin piece of muslin. Repair fastenings and then put the waist through two tepid waters in which a little white soap has been dissolved. Rinse twice, roll in heavy towel and iron when nearly dry. I have found that most silks are washable.

Children's clothes are plain in the extreme. Girls are wearing blouses and straight dresses, both with narrow belts worn well down toward the hips.

Conditions during the last few years have changed the viewpoint of most women regarding dress. During the war, the shortage of materials and labor caused patriotic citizens to buy as little new clothing as possible. The interest that this aroused in selecting and utilizing the wardrobe to the best possible advantage did not cease with the fighting. I have talked with many women who declare they will never return to the old thoughtless way of buying and utilizing. For better proof of their decisions, we have the evidence in the overall clubs and old clothes clubs which, through determined organization, have been a direct factor in bringing about the big reduction sales which are advertised throughout the country.

Wise spending for clothing, as for everything else, does not mean going without what we need or can legitimately afford. It means deciding definitely what we really want and how much we ought to pay for it, and then trying to procure it as economically as possible and to get from it the maximum of service.

Clothing should always be comfortable and healthful; it must protect the body from cold, heat and moisture, according to need, and must allow freedom in all bodily movements. Its lines should be in harmony with or improve the lines of the figure; it should produce a favorable im-

pression of the wearer's individuality, and be suitable to the occasion upon which it is worn. The clothing problem for the individual or the family is how best to obtain this result with the money and the time that can be afforded.

Renewing and Remaking Old Garments

Before making extensive repairs on an old garment, see if the time would not be better spent in cutting out the least worn material and remaking it into a smaller garment. Worn underwear must be patched; the patches made large and finishing at seams if possible. After the patches are in place, cut away the entire section they cover. Often the tops of knitted union suits will wear beyond mending while there is considerable wear left in the legs.

Cut these garments in two at the waist, and sew the lower parts onto the tops of partly worn vests. Sew the bottoms of vests into double squares for wash cloths. Where there are little ones in the family, the tops of women's stockings are invaluable for caps. Unless for summer wear, make them of several thicknesses. To do this, cut long enough to cover the head and roll back at the edge. Use a bowl, or something similar in shape, over which to draw the several thicknesses so to make sure one will not be longer than the other and to get edges even. It is well to first draw over the bowl the stocking top that is to be worn for the outside. While still on the bowl, sew the edges together with a fairly loose stitch. Slip from bowl, lay flat and trim the cut ends even. Gather securely, roll back the edge and the cap is finished (see illustration).

A very useful sweater coat for a small child can also be made from stocking legs. Cut open lengthwise at the back and press evenly. For a cutting guide use an undershirt pattern that has sleeves, or the top of a dress pattern, first folding in any fullness. Possibly the sleeves can be cut from whole legs, thus doing away with the seam. The little coat will not rip if sewed by hand. Turn the edges once and go over with a single crochet stitch to finish. Fasten with buttons and loops. Several of these, so to have a change, are a great protection in winter. White stockings are preferable.

Colored cotton voiles, especially figured, will often fade, while the fabric remains as strong as new. Coloring seems to be the most satisfactory way of restoring voiles, but it must first be bleached and then dipped in a shade of dye darker than any trace of the old coloring that may remain. For bleaching, in a porcelain dish dissolve a scant pound of sal soda in two and one half quarts of



FALL HAT FROM SILK OR VELVET.

boiling water. In a separate porcelain dish, stir one quarter of a pound of chloride of lime with one quart of cold water until it is dissolved. There will be a little sediment, so strain the lime-water through quite thick cotton cloth that has been wrung out of hot water, and add it to the soda water. Boil eight minutes. When cold, carefully pour off into jars or bottles. Use one cup of this solution to five quarts of water, and boil the voile until the color disappears. Use a little stronger solution if necessary, or if the voile is to be bleached white. Change from kettle of solution to a kettle of clear boiling water and boil out the solution, as it is liable to make the voile tender if any remains. Rinse twice in hot water. It is now ready to color. Use soap dyes, or those in powdered form and follow directions.

For the child's apron, here pictured, the strong portions of a man's percale shirt was used. These shirtings are usually of fast colors and attractive designs, and well worth making into simple aprons or dresses after tops and wristbands are gone. A number of such garments are



CHILD'S APRON MADE FROM SHIRT.

STOCKING-LEG CAP.

a great saving of labor to mothers, and for the same reason, too much cannot be said in favor of children wearing rompers and bloomers. For a quick finish to apron, use bias strips of the same; they also make a trimming.

When the edges of coat sleeves become worn, the hems may be ripped, the worn places carefully darned, and slightly deeper hems turned so as to conceal the darning. A worn lower edge of men's trousers may also be repaired by ripping the hem, darning the worn places, and facing the edge with a narrow strip of lightweight woolen cloth. If a piece of cloth is well darned to the seat of trousers before the threadbare parts break open, they will last as long again and will not show. Men who wear knee-length underwear find an inner lining to the knee of trousers very comfortable and that the trousers better retain the pressing.

Use ravelings of the material to darn with when possible.

In remaking for small children, especially a winter coat, care should be taken not to use material that is too stiff and heavy. It is better to use a lighter weight such as broadcloth or velvet and interline it with flannel.

A restless child is made very uncomfortable and often takes cold by the twisting and working up of its night-dress during sleeping hours. A remedy is found in sewing a double piece of cloth to the center back of the night-dress hem, which, when finished, will be about six inches on the hem, and four inches deep. Make three buttonholes in the outer edge and button it onto the hem of the center front, after the style of the envelope chemise.

Every mother finds it a problem to keep children's petticoats and dresses the same length, so this idea may help. Take a petticoat that is just the right length, button it to an underwaist and put it on a coat hanger and hang it up. Now slip over the dress that is to be hemmed and turn according to length of petticoat.

Bound buttonholes are featured in many of the best made garments and in all materials. They are very simply done and are a help to one not experienced in making buttonholes. Material the same as garment, or of a contrasting material and color, gives a trimming effect. Mark the buttonhole on the back. On the right side baste a patch of the material to be used, and stitch by machine the length of the buttonhole on each side. Cut the buttonhole and draw the patch through to the wrong side so that it leaves a piping on the right side. Hem down and press.

Much pressing as a garment is being made goes a long way toward its final good appearance.

For the one who crochets rapidly, scallops may be crocheted right into the material that has been turned into a very narrow hem. Night-dress tops and sleeves, children's waists, corset-cover necks and armholes, ends of towels, etc. At the same time a pretty trimming is made.

For a simple trimming on white dresses, stitch the hem on the machine and then with colored silk or mercerized cotton slip the needle under every other stitch of the machine stitching. White cotton on colored gingham is equally pretty. It is also a pretty finish for handkerchiefs, working on both sides of hem.

Hooks and eyes will not loosen if the needle is inserted first on one side and then on the other, crossing the stitches.

Prolonging the Life of Clothing

Brush clothing thoroughly before attempting to remove spots.

Bagginess at the knees of trousers or at the elbows of coats may in most cases be shrunk out by spreading each leg and sleeve flat on the board and, in shape, letting the stretched edges lay a little full. Cover with a cloth wrung dry out of hot water and press until smooth. Repeat if necessary.

"Shine" is caused by the wearing down of the nap and sometimes of grease. Remove by sponging with solution of one tablespoon of household ammonia to one quart of tepid water. Press over a white cotton cloth and brush up the nap with a stiff brush.

Brush silk with a piece of velvet or a very soft brush. A harsh brush may cut the silk.

If brown shoes are polished before being worn, it will prevent permanent stains, and the use of injurious cleaning preparations will not be necessary. Use only the polishing paste, after which, in case of mud or staining matter, it can be removed with a little cold water and white soap, then rinsed and repolished.

Wet shoes are first stuffed with soft paper to prevent permanent creases and then slowly dried. Change the paper as it becomes damp. Nowadays, a "true" leather sole is a scarce article, much composition being used in its place. If this becomes wet, the life of the shoe is greatly shortened. Rubbers are a matter of economy as well as comfort. Children scuff out the toes and heels of their shoes, and it is worth while to use the little aluminum plates which are not disfiguring.

Ravel and Save Yarn

Seldom is a knitted garment so worn but that by careful raveling a portion of the yarn will be found worth saving. If a part of it is weakened by one or two of the strands being worn, save it to darn with. Only the perfect yarn is worth the time of reknitting. A boy's slip-on sweater will usually first wear across the lower part of front and under the arms, and as soon as the first stitches drop, unless mended, will very soon become past mending. Where more than one child in the family, either boys or girls, are wearing this very useful garment, it is an excellent plan to make them all alike, as thereby parts can be raveled from two worn sweaters and reknit into one new one.

Four valuable uses for raveled wool are scarfs, which may be made of several colors, hoods for babies, bedroom slippers, and wristers. The Red

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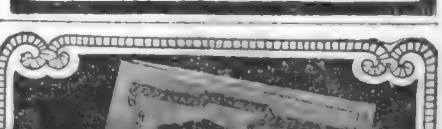
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1st round.—26 d c, in ring, join ch 6.

2nd round.—Skip 1 d c, 1 d c in next st, ch 3, sk 1, 1 d c, ch 3, sk 1, 1 d c, 7 d c in next 7 sts, ch 3, sk 1, 1 d c, ch 3, sk 1, 1 d c, ch 3, sk 1, 7 d c, join to first ch 6, ch 3.

3rd round.—2 d c under ch, ch 2, 3 d c under same ch. This makes a shell, ch 5, sk 1, 1 ch in last row, 1 shell 6 d c under next ch, 2 d c on first d c, 5 d c, 2 d c over group of doubles, 1 shell, ch 5, 1 shell, 2 d c, 5 d c, 2 d c, join to first shell, ch 3.

4th round.—Shell on shell, ch 1, 6 d c, ch 1, shell on shell, 2 d c, 8 d c, 2 d c, 1 shell, ch 1, 6 d c, ch 1, 1 shell, 2 d c, 8 d c, 2 d c, join, ch 3.

5th round.—Shell, ch 3, 5 d c, ch 3, shell, 2 d c, 11 d c, 2 d c, shell, ch 3, 5 d c, ch 3, shell, 2 d c, 11 d c, 2 d c, join, ch 3.

6th round.—Shell, ch 5 or 6, 4 d c ch same length as first shell, 2 d c at beginning and end of double shell, ch, 4 d c, ch, shell, doubles as on opposite side, join, ch 3.

7th round.—Same as last excepting ends where chains following shells should be of about 7 sts according to how one works, then 3 doubles, ch of same length as first, shell, etc.

8th round.—On ends make ch of 10 or 12 sts, 2 d c ch same as first, shell and finish row as usual.

9th round.—Shell on shell, ch about 13 sts, 1 d c, ch, shell and repeat. Upon completing round break thread. These sections or parts are afterwards joined by placing the right sides of two together and making 1 s c under chains of two corner shells, ch sufficiently, 1 s c over two center doubles, ch, 1 s c in center of two corner shells. Break thread.

In making a bedspread after joining strips in this way, sew sides together placing the doubles opposite each other.

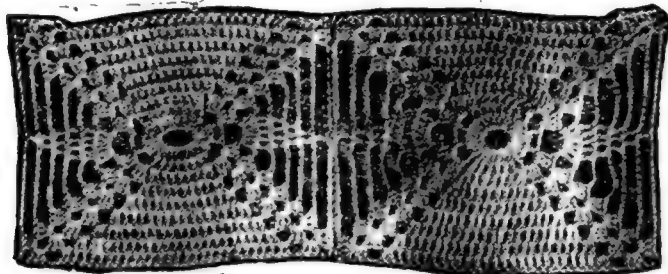
Edging

Begin with ch 9, join in ring, ch 3.

1st round.—29 d c in ring join, ch 6.

2nd round.—Skip 1 d c, 1 d c in next st, 7 d c in next 7 sts, * ch 3, sk 1 d c, 1 d c in next st, repeat from * 9 times, join to first ch 6, sl at over 3 sts of ch.

3rd round.—Ch 1, 2 d c on first d c, 1 d c on each excepting last double on which work 2 d c, shell of 3 d c, ch 1, 3 d c in first space ch 3, shell in third sp, ch 3, shell in fifth sp, repeat making shell in seventh, ninth and last sps, ch 2.



INSERTION.

4th round.—Group of doubles on doubles making 2 d c on the first and last, ch 2, shell on shell, ch 2, 6 d c under ch 3, shell, 6 d c repeat 3 times, shell, ch 2.

5th round.—Group doubles, shell on shell, 5 d c on 6 d c repeat ending with shell, ch 2.

6th round.—Doubles, shell ch 3, 4 d c, repeat ending with shell, ch 2.

7th round.—Group doubles, shell, ch 5, 3 d c, repeat, ending with shell, ch 2.

8th round.—Group doubles, shell, ch 7, 2 d c, repeat, ending with shell, ch 2.

9th round.—Group doubles, shell, ch 8, 1 d c, repeat, ending with shell.

Join by ch 9 from upper shells of two sections, 1 s c through corresponding single d c, ch 9, 1 s c on next two shells.

Spider Web Yoke

Materials. No. 70 mercerized crochet cotton, No. 13 steel hook.

This work is made in four pieces and joined. Pattern is begun at center point of our illustration.

Begin with chain 45 stitches, turn, 1 d c in 9th st from hook, ch 2, sk 2 sts, 1 d c in next, repeat making 13 spaces in all, ch 5, turn.

2nd row.—1 d c on d c, 5 more sps, 4 d c or 1 blk, 6 sps, ch 5, turn.

3rd row.—5 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 blk, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.

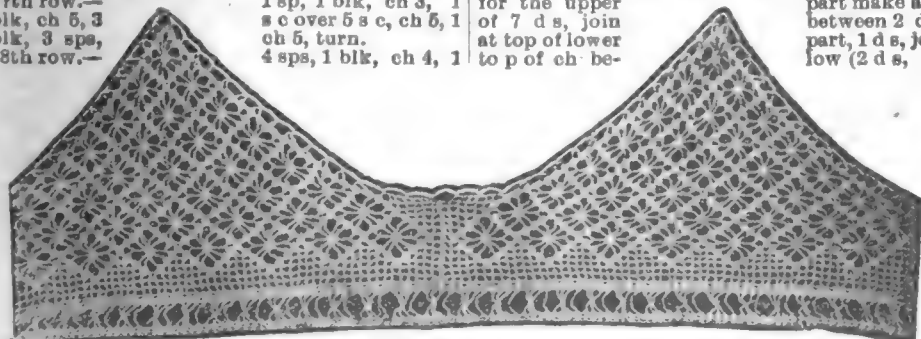
4th row.—4 sps, 1 blk, ch 4, 1 treble in ch 3 in last row, ch 4, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

5th row.—3 sps, 1 blk, ch 4, 3 s c, over treble, ch 4, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, ch 6, 5 s c over 3 s c, ch 6, 1 blk, 2 sps, turn.

7th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 s c over 5 s c, ch 5, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

8th row.—4 sps, 1 blk, ch 4, 1



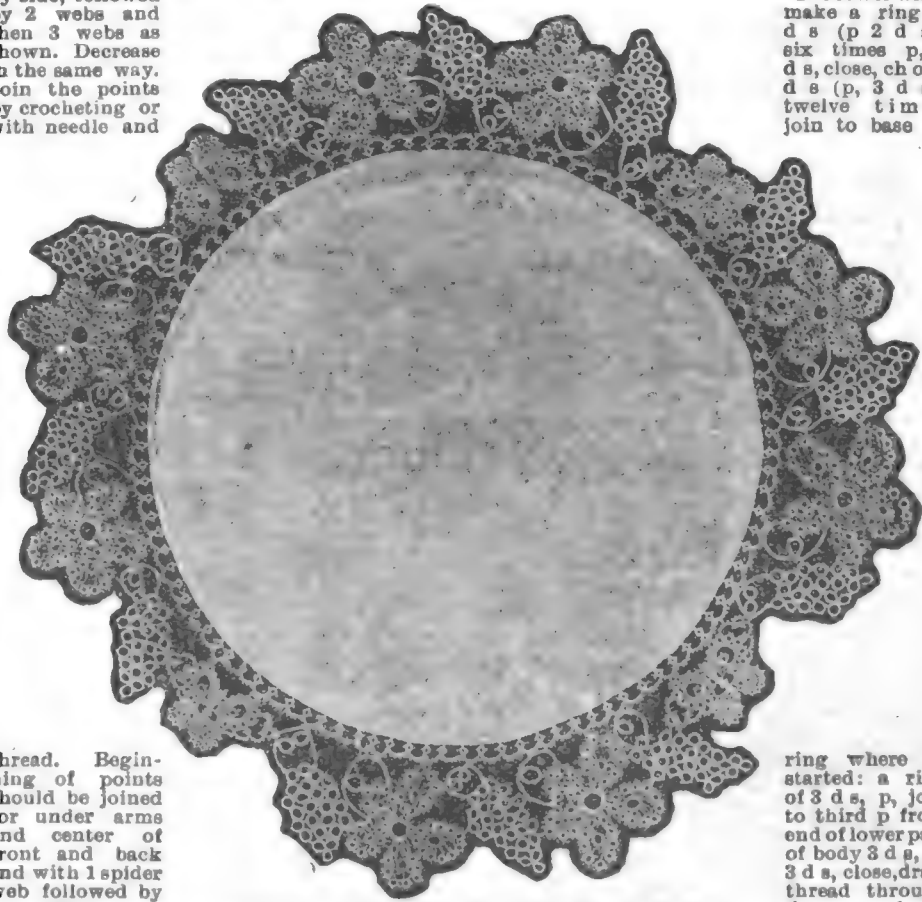
SPIDER WEB YOKE.

treble in center single, ch 4, 1 blk, ch 4, 1 treble, ch 4, 1 blk in sp at end of last row, ch 11 turn.

9th row.—3 d c in first 3 sts of this ch, 1 d c on last d c in blk, ch 3, 3 s c, ch 3, 1 blk under

ch before tr, ch 3, 1 blk under ch after tr, 5 sps ch 5, turn.

Now repeat pattern, decreasing the spaces on straight side of work and increasing on other side as directed in 8th row, making 2 webs side by side, followed by 2 webs and then 3 webs as shown. Decrease in the same way. Join the points by crocheting or with needle and



CENTERPIECE WITH APPLIQUE TATTED BORDER.

Upper Edge

Fasten thread in chain at end of upper edge ch 6 fasten in next ch and continue around.

2nd row.—9 s c under each ch 6.

Beading for Bottom

Fasten thread in a space, ch 15, skip 4 sts, 3 d c, ch 2, 3 d c in 5th st, ch 10, skip 10 sts, 3 d c,

ch 2, 3 d c in last st and fasten in top of sp ch started from.

2nd row.—Ch 3, fasten in next sp, 3 d c, ch 2, 3 d c under ch 2 in fan, ch 5, 1 s c under ch 10, ch 5, fan on fan, ch 3, turn. Two more rows same as 2nd then one same as first and repeat.

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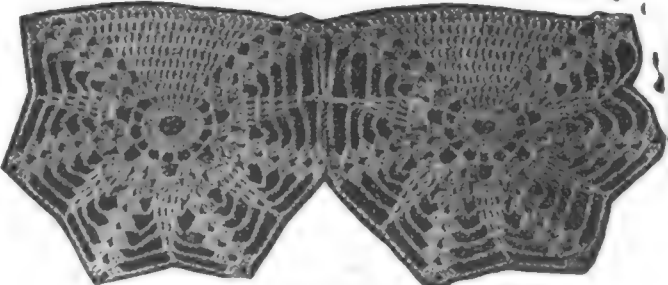
Centerpiece with Applique Tatted Border

BY KITTIE WRIGHT.

No. 20 mercerized cotton was used for the work illustrated.

After completing arrange the leaves, grapes and butterflies as shown around a linen center and fasten together neatly on the wrong side, with needle and thread.

Begin by edging a circle of linen with a tatted edge made as follows: Rings, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s close, chains, 3 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 3 d s. Repeat, join and overcast to hemmed edge by center picot of each ring.



EDGING.

Butterfly Motif

For the body make a ch 13 d s, p, 6 d s, close, ch (2 d s, p) six times, 2 d s, join to first d s, or first ch, 1 d s, p, 2 d s, p, 1 d s, join to same d s on other side (2 d s, p), six times, 2 d s, join at base of ring and fasten off with needle and thread. Whip the two outside chs to the first of center ch, completing the lower part of body; for the upper

part make a ch between 2 d s, part, 1 d s, join low (2 d s, p),

in center ring, 3 more picots separated by 1 d s, join to 1st p in center ring of leaflet.

Make a ring of 7 p separated by 1 d s, joining to last p in 1st ring and 2nd p in large ring. Make 5 more rings in the same way, joining to center ring of leaflet and to last ring. Join to large center ring as the first small ring was joined.

Make center ring for second leaflet of 8 p, separated by 2 d s, close and cut thread.

Make another leaf same as the first, making 9 small rings around center and joining as before.

For third leaflet center ring make 10 p separated by 3 d s, close and cut thread. Surround this with 11 small rings, joining as before to center ring.

Make 4 leaflets like second and 5 like the first. Use double thread for chain which forms stem as shown in illustration. Draw stem to a curve and join between first and last leaflets.

Grape Motif

Bunches of grapes are made of groups of small rings, each of 8 d s, short p, 8 d s, p, 8 d s, close. Make 25 or more rings, arrange in bunches and with needle and thread tie together. Make a ch for the stem as shown.

3 times, 2 d s, join to end of first ch (ring of 6 d s, close and draw thread through end of the ch) 3 times (2 d s, p) 3 times 2 d s, join to p, 1 d s join where ch on other side started and fasten off, sew the ch as

before for antenna make a ch of 34 d s, draw to form a curl at the tip and fasten out between first and second of the three rings at top of upper part, make the other antenna the same way, fastening between second and third rings.

For lower wing make a ring 3 d s (p 2 d s), six times p, 3 d s, close, ch of 3 d s (p, 3 d s), twelve times join to base of

ring where ch started: a ring of 3 d s, p, join to third p from end of lower part of body 3 d s, p, 3 d s, close, draw thread through first p of ch * make a ring of 3 d s, join to last p of first ring (3 d s, p) twice 3 d s, close, draw thread through next p of ch and repeat from * until you have made 13 rings in all joining last by middle p to first p of lower part of body fasten at base of first ring. For upper wing make a ring as for lower wing only of 9 ps a chain same as for lower wing but with 18 p joining at base of ring, then a ring as for lower wing joining middle p of upper part of body, draw through next p of ch, make a ring joining first p to last p of preceding ring and by middle p to next p of body. Make another ring joining to next p of ch and last p of preceding ring. Join middle p to first p at upper end of lower body, join middle p to middle p of the first free ring on the lower wing and another p joined to next ring of lower wing.

The next 6 rings are made thus: 3 d s, join to last p of preceding ring, 3 d s, p (2 d s, p), 4 times 3 d s, close, skip 1 p of ch, draw through next.

Make a large ring joining first 2 picots to last 2 picots of preceding ring. Make 3 more large rings then finish off with 3 small ones, as at first, joining the last to the 3rd p of upper part of the body. To complete upper wing join to 2nd free p of second large ring, make a ch of 13 d s, p) 4 times, 3 d s, join to middle picot of next large ring, ch like the last, ring of 3 d s, p, 3 d s join to middle picot of next ch, 3 d s, p, 3 d s, k, close; a ch, a ring, a ch, a ring, joining 1st and 2nd picots to 3rd and 2nd picots of preceding ring, a ch, join to 1st free picot of sixth large ring. Make the other side and the upper and lower wings in same way.

Join in end of last row over last diamond and working across ends of 5 rows where scallop was omitted, make shoulder straps as follows: 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 s c in scallop, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, turn, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, turn, repeat, making ending 5th 2 sps, 1 s c in scallop in last before p, ch 3, 1 s c in 2nd st after p, turn, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, making last d c in same st in scallop with single in last row, turn make 2 more rows, alternating the blks

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Spider Web Pillow Top

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11th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, ch 5, 15 s c, ch 5, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 blk, ch 5, 15 s c, ch 5, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

12th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, ch 5, 21 s c, ch 5, 1 blk between blks, ch 5, 21 s c, ch 5, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

13th row.—Same as 11th row.

14th row.—Same as 10th row.

15th row.—Same as 9th row.

Continue reversing the pattern in this way until the fourth web is finished, then make several rows of spaces and repeat the group of four webs.

The pillow top illustrated has five rows of spaces between each group of webs.

This idea can be changed a little if one prefers by omitting the corner webs and also the center group and in its place working or darning in one's initial or monogram.

To copy this pattern exactly make 1 blk, 87 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

2nd row.—1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, 29 sps, 1 blk, 29 sps, 1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

3rd row.—1 blk, 12 sps, now copy directions from * in 3rd row as previously given.

Clemence McNiff.

Infant's Cap in Roll Stitch

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3rd round.—1 tr c between next r sts, ch 3, fasten in top of tr, ch 4, fasten in same place, ch 3, fasten in same place, thus forming a trefoil, ch 3, 1 s c between next r sts, ch 3, repeat from beginning of row, join, ch 5.

4th round.—Fasten in top of 1st trefoil, ch 5, 1 s c in next trefoil, repeat around, join, ch 4.

5th row.—2 tr c in ch 3 at just before trefoil, ch 1, 3 d tr c in same st, 3 r sts in center of ch between 2nd and 3rd trefoil, ch 1, 3 r sts in same st. Repeat around making 8 tr groups and 8 r sts fans. Join to 1st d tr c, sl st to ch 1, ch 4.

6th round.—2 d tr c under ch 1, ch 1, 3 d tr c, ch 2, r st fan under ch 1 in center of fan in last row. Repeat around and join as in last row.

7th, 8th and 9th rounds.—Same as 6th round. These complete crown.

10th round.—The same until one has made 7 groups tr c and r st fans. Fasten off and break thread.

11th, 12th, 13th and 14th rounds.—Fasten thread on opposite side under ch, and 1st tr, ch 4, work same as 10th round.

Beading for Ribbon

Make 1 d tr c in center of each tr sh, between these and r st fans and in center of each r st fan, with ch 7 between. Repeat round.

Edge the front and neck with fans of 7 r sts each, worked in every other tr.

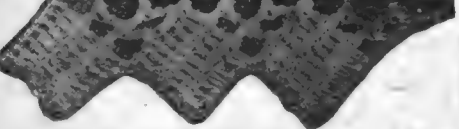
This cap may easily be enlarged by making the crown larger, or repeating the 8th round twice or more before commencing the front.

Vandyke Point Edging

This effective pattern is especially suitable for edging luncheon cloths or doilies, as it fits around a curved edge so nicely. Ch 10 sts, turn.

1st row.—9 d c in 9 sts, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 6, turn.

2nd row.—1 d c under ch 3, ch 2, 9 d c on 9 d c, ch 3, turn.



VANDYKE POINT EDGING.

3rd row.—9 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 6, turn.

4th row.—2 under ch 3, 1 d c on d c, 2 d c in sp, d c on d c, 2 d c in sp, 1 d c on d c, ch 3, turn.

5th row.—9 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row.—3 sps, 9 d c, sl st over 9 d c, ch 3.

7th row.—Same as 1st row, working 9 doubles as in the 4th row. Repeat pattern.

Points are pretty edged with color in single crochet.

Safety Skirt Hangers

Material. One good-sized ivory ring, one spool silkateen, two large safety pins, crochet hook.

1st row.—Crochet closely over ring, join, turn, ch 5, sk 1, 2 d c, ch 2, sk 1, 2 d c, repeat, making 7 d c, ch 3, turn.

2nd row.—2 d c in each sp, 1 d c on d c, repeat.

3rd row.—Ch 5, sk 2, 1 d c, repeat, making 7 sps as in 1st row.

Repeat these two rows until work measures one and one half inches, join to safety pin by making singles over the back of the pin. Two of these make a set or pair.

HOME-MADE
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By Clara Huntington



COUCH COVER AND PILLOW

Little Touches That Make a House Cheerful

I CAN think of nothing that so pleases the eye or sends forth the same homelike atmosphere as a profusion of flowering and foliage plants in winter-time. Someone has said that plants have a "kindly spirit," and I believe it, for nothing responds so readily or gives so much in return for a little careful attention.

Before we touch upon the three window arrangements here illustrated, let us see if we are from the plants themselves. Use only neutral colors with little if any decorations.

The first illustration shows an artistic arrangement of net curtains with valance of flowered silkateen, a jar of fuchsia, and underneath one filled with native ferns.

The flower-stand is attractively made from two butter-firkin covers which are held in position by three straight pieces of wood. The stand is given two coats of light gray paint which will prevent the covers from warping.

The window-box is made of pine and stained a dark green. Inside of the box is a lining made from zinc which is soldered water-tight and the edge cut high enough to be turned back to cover the top edge of box. This will prevent water from getting between the box and zinc lining.

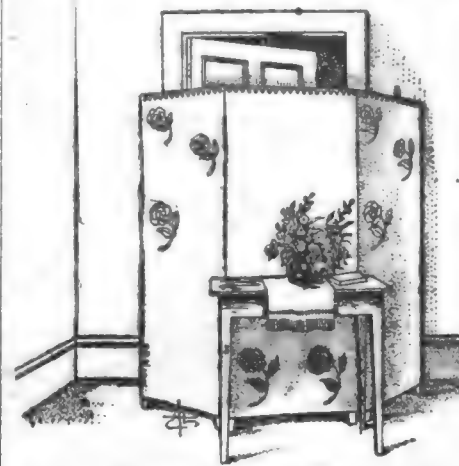
The Colonial window curtains are made from muslin and trimmed with ball fringe.

The fern basket is hung from a bird cage hook which is screwed into the window finish. The basket is just the ordinary type found in most general stores. It is a little longer than wide and is painted a light moss green. In the basket are two shallow ferns of a different kind, and all hanging their fronds over the edge together make a handsome display. This window only gets the afternoon sun which is usually a very satisfactory exposure for ferns that are hung directly in the window. Here the sash curtain is used.

Screening the Pantry Door

This is a very happy thought for the wise woman who in winter time will close her dining-room and serve her meals in the kitchen. After all, many of the modern homes are built without the regulation dining-room, for we are living in an age where economy of space, fuel and labor are important considerations, and the woman who would make her kitchen an inviting spot and there gather her family about her table, will by no means be in a class by herself.

This attractive screen is so placed in front of



SCREENING THE PANTRY DOOR.

the pantry door that it gives the kitchen a "dressed-up" appearance and in no way interrupts a free passage in and out. A little ingenuity, some cotton material, and light strips of wood are all that is necessary for the construction of such a screen. For hinges that hold the two sides to the center section of frame, use heavy tape or two thicknesses of strong cotton cloth and tack them securely. Five are about the right number. The one illustrated was covered with plain, coarse gingham and decorated with a little free drawing in water colors which any school girl can do. An artistic effect is gained by placing in front a small table for a plant or for use as a serving table.

WINDOW BOX.

prepared to meet the fundamental requirements of house-plant life, which are good drainage, plenty of light and sun, fresh air and moisture. We all know that our finest specimens are grown right in the kitchen where they get the steam from the cooking and fresh air from the frequent opening of outside doors. For healthy drainage, a plant should be potted as follows: On the bottom of the flower pot put a broken piece from the side of an old pot, concave side down, so it will not lie flat over the hole; next put in a layer of charcoal in small pieces to prevent the earth from washing out when the plant is watered. Now a little earth is then put in, and then with one hand the plant is held in place with roots straightened, while with the other the pot is gradually filled with soil and lightly pressed around the roots.

Most window-box failures are caused by the plant roots standing in water. Where the box itself is filled with soil, there should be in the bottom at least three inches of fairly fine charcoal. If care is taken to find out about how much water the soil will absorb, and then water with regularity, no difficulty will be experienced from too much water.

Many prefer to put their plants into individual pots before placing them in the window-box. Water standing in the bottom of jardiniere and becoming foul, will kill most plants. An excellent precaution is to put strips of wood in the bottom of jars and thus raise the pot above any water that may run through.

House plants also require an occasional spraying to keep them healthy. To do this, first lay a soft folded cloth over the earth and close to the plant to prevent a loss of plant food by washing it out of the soil. Use tepid water in a small watering pot, changing the angle of the plant so that the water will reach the under side of the leaves.

Flowering plants for the house that best thrive under varying atmospheric conditions are begonias, fuchsias, geraniums, primroses, petunias and verbenas. Nasturtiums will also do wonderfully well in winter if kept in a sunny exposure. Train them along the edge of the casements and across the window tops. Gaudy jardiniere are to be avoided for the attainment of best effects, for they seriously detract

Hanging Fern Basket.



HANGING FERN BASKET.

House Socks

An outfit of durable and warm house socks is a comfort in any household, particularly where there are children coming in with damp or cold feet, or to put on in the evening in place of their heavy school boots. Parts of old heavy overcoats, tops of women's boots, or various kinds of home-cured skins are among materials that are excellent for this purpose.

The best patterns for the soles are obtained by having the wearer stand barefooted on a sheet of brown paper, and with a lead pencil trace around the foot, allowing a little extra length at the toe. The tops are easily shaped from a stocking laid flat. Cut a little wider than the stocking, and the top large enough for the foot to slip through. Where skins are used, cut them from the back side with the point of a sharp knife. Sew edges together from the back as you would two salvage edges of a sheet. Use strong waxed thread. Line with some soft material. Where heavy cloth materials are used, as in picture, bind all edges and join top and soles by sewing only through the bindings. Inner soles of fur are very warm; also sheepskin or heavy cloth cut double. In cutting, make allowance for all linings and innersoles.

Decorative Door Stops

Devices for holding a door partly or way open are a desideratum in every home. Most commonly used for this purpose is a brick covered with carpeting, but they are awkward to use with-

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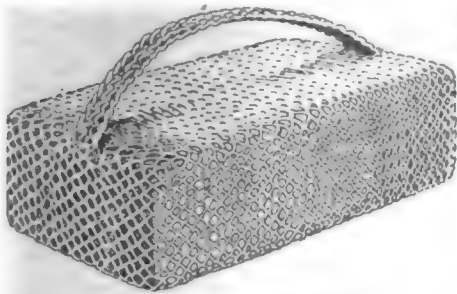
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out a handle. The one here illustrated was first lightly padded with Canton flannel and then covered with khaki. Over this is a covering made from heavy twine which may be knitted or crocheted to fit. The handle is firmly crocheted from the twine. Each time across it is well to place the twine may be first made into a skein and then dipped into strong coffee and a color obtained that will harmonize with the khaki.



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Dinah as a door stop presents a very striking figure and she is often found on sale at church fairs. A tall quart bottle such as table syrups come in is the required foundation. The bottle is filled with dry sand to give the necessary weight, and the cork stopper is firmly driven in. The neck of the bottle is padded with cotton which shapes the head, and then the head and whole bottle are covered with black cloth. Arms with mitten-shaped hands are stuffed and sewed on at the neck. Eyes, nose and mouth are drawn out with water colors such as children use. If black curled hair is at hand, catch on a little to each side of the head, but it is not necessary as the head covering may be drawn closer around, and for this purpose a small red bandana is used. Fold the handkerchief cornerways, or if too bulky cut it in two. This leaves pointed ends which are tied in front. Select bright calico for the

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Dress, Powder and Health

By Frances L. Garside

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A STATEMENT by Health Commissioner Copeland of New York City has set the feminine world agog, and a large portion of the masculine. It was to the effect that low shoes and silk stockings, which women wear in winter, do not shorten their lives; that there are no bad effects from wearing thin waists and low-cut necks; that high heels work no harm, and that rouge and powder are not unbecoming.

This statement was followed by statements of women who agree with him, by women who don't,



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and by the decree of a vicar in Paris that entry to the church is forbidden women wearing low-cut waists and skirts that do not reach to the ankles. Everybody is having a hand in the discussion—except the men dressmakers who have made the fashions. They are keeping discreetly silent, perhaps for the reason that they are engaged on styles more atrocious and scandalous to bring out next season.

Women who are at the heads of women's departments in banks, offices and other big institutions are on record as saying that lack of proper dress for business is retarding the progress of the sex; that there is no hope for the advancement of the girl who comes to work wearing a very thin waist and a marshmallow nose. A woman journalist from Japan favors the American styles because they are more adaptable than

dress, and make an apron and kerchief for the shoulders from white muslin. The kerchief is cut three-cornered, which brings a point at the back, and the apron has sash-ends.

Couch Covering

A slip-cover is a very practical daytime arrangement for a bed couch, and striped materials make up most attractively. The one shown on Page 20 is made as follows: One straight strip begins with a hem at the floor, up to top and running the entire length of couch and down to the floor at the opposite end where it is again finished with a hem. This strip should be wide enough to fall over the back of couch about six inches. It is then closely squared or mitered at the two top back corners which holds the cover in place. The front edge of this strip joins a plaited flounce which extends to the floor and is hemmed. The

the Japanese kimono, claiming that there are extremists in fashion in every country, and not more in America than in her own.

The woman speaking with the best authority is Dr. Florence L. Meredith, a girl health expert. She has made physical examinations of 12,000 girls in her experience, including four years of incoming freshmen in Wellesley, the employees of a large factory in Boston, and 700 business and professional women examined at a Y. W. C. A. Health Demonstration Center in New York City.

"I do not think," she says, "that Dr. Copeland speaks for the girl who is ambitious to make something of herself. He speaks for the girl who is so stupid and sex-centered that she will sacrifice anything, even the health of her body, to win the admiration of a man; the girl who is so ailing that she has to use rouge to present a counterfeit of health; who is so dirty that she has to use powder to cover up her unwholesome skin, who cares so little about being of use in the world that she is willing to cripple herself, falsely believing, as hundreds of girls have told me, 'that men wouldn't like to see them in what they consider unappealing clothes.'"

"I do not think high heels or corsets are a cause of premature death. They merely lower efficiency. The woman who wears them is merely less alive. She is 75 per cent alive instead of 100 per cent."

"I do not know when I have seen a respectable foot or a girl with a good posture. The type of shoe and corset worn has been largely responsible. The girl who begins to get plump around the waist and hips, instead of exercising this excess fat off, or denying herself sweets, puts on a tight corset. The modern corset, it is true, is not the harmful invention it used to be. I object to it rather on the ground that it induces laziness and sloppiness of carriage."

"The high-heeled shoe is another matter. It is positively harmful, and it is the more insidious because the results do not show principally in the foot. Backaches, headaches and a long train of minor disabilities follow in the wake of the wrong posture which high-heeled shoes necessitate."

"My objection to thin clothes is not based on the matter of health, if it is such that the body can keep itself warm. My objection to thin clothing is a moral one."

"Most women have very vague ideas about their responsibility in the matter of tempting men away from what their own ideals would have them cleave to. They still believe in the old theory that perfectly innocent and unoffending girls are seduced by depraved men, and will not admit what they could observe with the greatest ease, that a good percentage of hitherto innocent and well-meaning boys have been carried to the point of loss of self-restraint by girls who should have known better. The word of countless men of every station is to the effect that clothes which women do, or do not, wear, make clean living a thousand times harder than it need be."

"I think most men, especially since the war, have got a different interest in women and girls, and I think they realize that if women have not reliable health they are of very little use in any sphere of life."

"And I think the best type of girl generally feels that if she has no way of interesting men except by deforming her feet and figure and painting her face, she will go husbandless—believing singleness would be blessedness in comparison to living with a man who could admire such a woman."

"Modern fashions are ruining the health of women. High heels are breaking down the arches; with narrow skirts, girls don't walk, they wiggle. Calomined faces hide pasty complexions, sleazy near-silk stockings invite pneumonia in competition with sheer low cut waists and iron-clad corsets that restrict lung action."

Two ends of flounce are sewed squarely to the front edges of strip that hangs over the two ends. A pretty way to arrange the fullness is to make a cluster of plaits deep enough to bring the darkest stripes together, and stitching them deep enough to form a boxing. This arrangement will always hold the cover in place.

The round pillow is made by seaming together a strip just long enough to easily extend around the pillow. It should be wide enough to reach from center front to center back. The two edges are then gathered, drawn tightly and finished with a button. For a pillow stuffing, cotton batting does very well. Cut it into small squares, put it into a tin and heat it in the oven until it is fluffy. Watch it carefully and stir it frequently.

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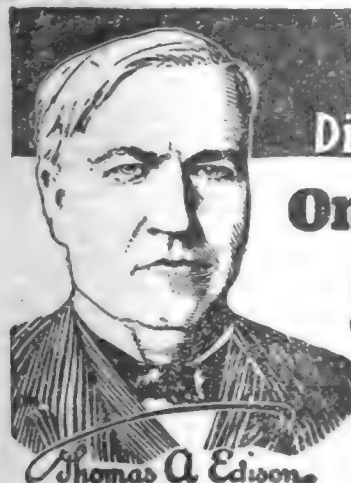
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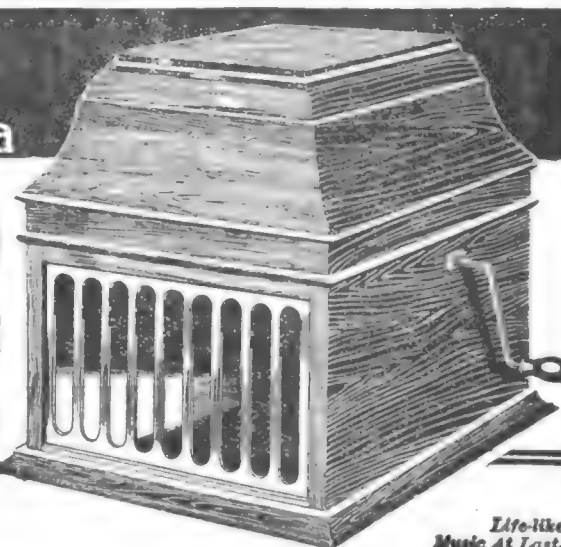
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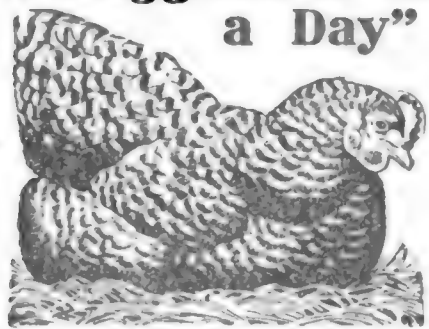
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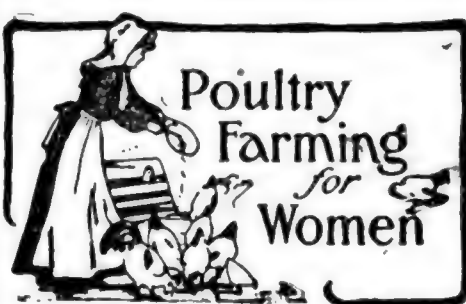
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Work That Should Not Be Delayed.

THE fall is a very important time in the poultry world, as it is the pivot on which the winter's success balances. Neglect of any sort at this crucial time will invariably affect the supply of winter eggs, on which the real profit of the year depends. Poultry houses must be put into thorough repair and sanitary condition before the first of October, so that the birds may be placed in their winter quarters and not again disturbed.

It is my own custom to go over all the buildings in the chicken yard, mend any cracks or holes which may be found, and paint the roofs with liquid tar. The floors are scraped out to a depth of two or three inches, perches and nest boxes taken out, and the whole interior given a coat of hot whitewash. To make the whitewash, three quarts of fresh lime are placed in a pail and just covered with hot water. When the mixture commences to boil, it is stirred until the lumps are dissolved, and as it thickens, boiling skim-milk is added until it is of the consistency of cream. Lastly, a cupful of crude carbolic acid, a pound of whiting and a half pound of powdered glue are mixed in. This makes a wash which sticks almost as well as paint, and which, when applied hot, most effectually banishes vermin.

Cleaning a poultry house is a task which must not be done in a slipshod way. Before whitewashing the walls, floor and ceiling with a brush, if you have a garden spray, fill it full of the liquid mixture, and apply it to all the corners, kinks and crevices, for they are the places which harbor vermin, and cannot be reached with an ordinary brush.

When the whitewashing is all done and has had time to dry, the floors are covered with fresh lime, which burns out all the impurities, and, after a few hours, dry soil or sand is filled in to the depth of two or three inches. Windows are cleaned, inside and out, so that the sun may have free access; perches and nest boxes are thoroughly scrubbed with kerosene, whitewashed and replaced. When all this is accomplished, the biddies' home is sweet and wholesome.

I try to finish all this work before the fifteenth of the month, so that there will be no delay in getting the hens into their winter quarters. Any change of houses after pullets have once commenced to lay, invariably stops them, and should cold weather start in before they have regained their equilibrium, much time may be wasted.

Vermin are disagreeable enemies against which the poultry keeper must maintain a perpetual war. A good liquid exterminator is made by dissolving crude naphtha flakes in kerosene oil, using just as much of the flakes as will dissolve in any given quantity of oil. Paint the roofs, nest boxes, and any supports or frames about the house with the mixture. It does not take very long to do the work. Half an hour every Saturday will increase the birds' comfort and your profit.

Powder to use on the birds can be made for a few cents. Mix thoroughly, equal parts of finely sifted coal ashes and tobacco dust, and moisten with the liquid exterminator. Allow it to dry, and put away in cans for ready use. Tobacco dust can be bought at most florists, and at all seed stores for twelve cents a pound. An empty baking-powder tin, with some holes pierced at one end, makes a good dregger.

The birds should be dusted with the powder before being placed in a clean house. Hold the hen by the feet, head downwards, and shake the powder well into the feathers. Use plenty of it, and with your hand rub it down into the fluffy part of the feathers near the skin, and especially near the tail on the body, and under the wings. If you have not been using any such precautions, or when you buy new birds, you ought to go over them every other night for a week. This will make it an easy matter to keep them free from the various vermin pests which seem to have been specially created for the undoing of poultry keepers.

My winter houses are one hundred feet long, twelve feet wide, and are divided into eight compartments, into each of which I put twenty-five layers. This gives them plenty of room for exercise, even when heavy snows necessitate keeping them shut up for days and weeks at a time.

If you have pullets and year-old hens, to secure the best results they should be kept in separate coops, as they require a different amount of feed. If you do not have a sufficient number of houses, it would be an easy matter to run a wire partition through the middle of one house, and so make two compartments.

I spend much of my time at this season of the year watching my hens, both old and young. I don't believe in keeping unprofitable birds through the winter, and birds which look mopy are consigned to the fattening pen. Even slow, dull-looking pullets are rejected, as I want only bright, energetic birds in the laying houses.

Lazy hens, although they do not produce eggs fatten easily, and bring as good a price as roosters. Close weeding out of unprofitable birds is really more than half the secret of success, and should be rigidly practiced.

Roosters are not allowed with the hens whose eggs are sold in the market, as infertile eggs are nicer for the table, and will keep fresh longer than fertile eggs. All the male birds are kept in one house and yard, so that they will become friendly and will not fight when distributed.

Hens intended to produce eggs for hatching are divided into flocks of twenty-five, and four males are assigned to each flock, two being kept in a coop, two put with the flock, the pairs changing places every week. This prevents favoritism, which is the usual cause of infertile eggs. I make up my flocks in November, because I start the incubators in December, and like to have the birds running together for three weeks before using the eggs for incubation.

Exercise is of primary importance in the life of the laying hen, and every means should be taken to promote activity. The most natural way to do this is to provide a heavier covering of litter on the floor and to scatter small grain broadcast over this once a day, for the birds will scratch in it for hours at a time.

Straw or hay will answer the purpose, but both cost money and take time to cut; so, in October and November, before snow falls, we go into the plantation at the back of the barn and rake up the fallen leaves, placing them in bags and storing them in a shed near the poultry house. Twice a week, all through a bad winter, a bag is emptied into each compartment. The birds delight to work and scratch among them, which keeps them busy, and also breaks up and converts the leaves into fertilizer for spring use in the garden.

Buy Some Good Birds Now to Improve Your Stock

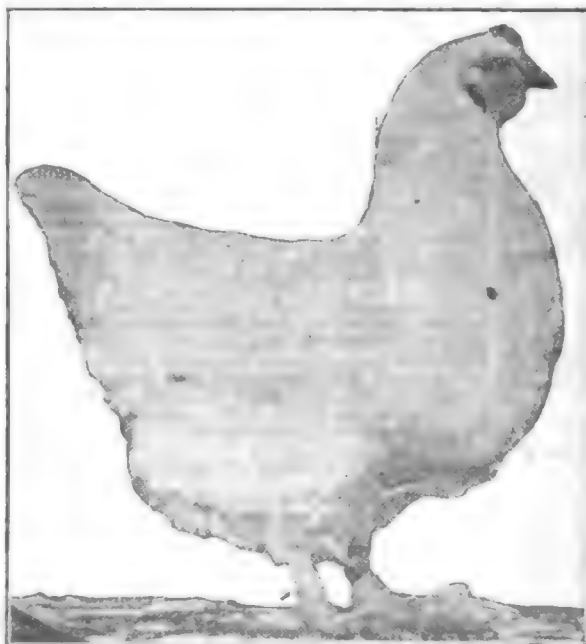
I want our readers to make a special effort and try to buy cockerels now to head their breed-

ing pens next season, for this is the season of the year when the big breeders of thoroughbred stock commence to select their birds for the show season, and put them into separate coops to develop, take the young pullets off free range, and place them in permanent winter quarters and cull out the year-old birds, and divide them into flocks for next year's breeding pens. All this means that house room becomes so precious that they are willing—nay, anxious, to dispose of extra cockerels, and will sell good birds now for about half what they would ask for them in the spring. Such a golden opportunity should not be neglected, and I advise you to sell off all your old hens or your own young cockerels and use the money for the purchase of one or two really good birds, for if you have only mediumly fair stock, and mate a few of the hens to a good bird next spring, you are sure to get some youngsters who will more than pay you for your trouble. Look through the advertising columns for the addresses of well-known breeders of whatever variety you are breeding, and write them for prices of cockerels; or, better still, quote what price you can afford to pay; remembering always that you can't expect to get something for nothing, and that even a cull bird from a breeder who has for years kept nothing but full-blooded stock, is of more value to breed from than a splendid looking bird which may have all sorts of mixed and poor varieties among his ancestors. For, as I have explained to you, the individual bird or animal is not half so important as his parents and grandparents, as far as his influence is concerned on future stock.

When writing to breeders about cockerels, you should give a clear description of the hens you want to mate him to, because the breeder will then be able to select a bird, with such characteristics as will counterbalance the weak points in your birds.

To illustrate: If the hens happen to have legs rather too long for the breed they belong to, the male bird chosen to mate with them should have legs a trifle short, and, of course, the same throughout the points. There are very few perfect birds, so matings must be arranged to counterbalance the faulty points. And it is impossible to get perfection from one mating, so it is positively necessary to breed the pullets back to the sire, even to the third and fourth generation.

Now, many people run away with the idea that it is only conformation and plumage that one does such mating for, but it is quite as necessary when one is trying to build up a strain of heavy laying birds. Roosters must be the offspring of prolific layers, no less than the hens to which they are mated, and it is only by remating to the progeny of the original sire that the breed can be firmly established. Of course, the same is to be said if your ambition is to raise specially good table birds with deep breasts and heavily-meated thighs. So you see, even for the general-purpose bird, it is well to devote some thought to the subject, and be careful not only to select hens that are known to be good layers, but males that are known to be the sons of heavy layers; and once having established a good pen, it is well to be very careful how you introduce a strange male bird.



WHITE WYANDOTTE HEN.

I am emphasizing this subject now, because so many of my correspondents seem to be convinced that all there is to get good layers is to select their best hens. I use "hens" in writing, but of course the same principles apply to ducks and geese, and, to a smaller extent, turkeys. It is quite time to consider breeding flocks of ducks and geese now, for if strange birds have to be bought, it takes time for them to become accustomed to their new surroundings, and, as they are early layers, there should be no delay about the purchase.

Both ducks and geese are such easy keepers when they have a wide range that it is advisable for every small farm to keep a flock of either one or the other. Imperial Pekin ducks start laying in January, when hens' eggs are bringing very big prices, so the ducks' eggs are a great convenience and economy, as they can be used at home, and usually sell to neighbors for cooking purposes, even if they don't like to eat them. Ducks' eggs make better cakes and custards than hens' eggs, and people who are living near towns or cities can always dispose of any surplus quantity to confectioners and candymakers.

I give you this hint, as it is not advisable to hatch ducks before April in most localities, and by that time hens' eggs have gone down in price so that one does not mind using them in the kitchen. If you have raised any number of ducks or geese during the last season, now is the time to fatten and market them. Confine them in rather small yards; boil and mash any waste, green vegetables, small potatoes, and any other root crop that you may have on hand. When root crop that you may have on hand. When corn-mix about a quart of wheat middlings or corn-meal through a panful, and you will have a good fattening mash for twenty birds, and give them all the skim-milk you can spare in a dish they can only get their bills into, and they will be ready for market within three weeks.

Old ducks and geese which are to be kept for breeding in the spring, must have a dry place to sleep in, and good feed. Chopped corn-stalks or fodder, well steamed, and a little bran, make a good, inexpensive mash. If skim-milk is plentiful, give them some every day, to take the place of insects which they can no longer find for themselves. If there is no milk to spare, get some commercial meat scraps, and mix about a tablespoonful for each bird in a mash three times a week. Also, be careful that they get plenty of grit and water. Ducks and geese often suffer for water on a general farm after outdoor pools and troughs are frozen.

The care the birds receive now will influence their laying and the strength of the ducklings and goslings next spring. Don't lose any time in getting your young pullets into winter quarters. The sooner they are settled and winter rations started, the sooner they will commence to lay. Don't forget that, to produce eggs, they must have plenty of water to drink, and, as they have no teeth,

need grit to grind the food after it passes into the gizzard—animal food, vegetables, and lime in some form. Brooks and outside drinking troughs are sure to be frozen, small stone and sand ditches. So when the farmer throws down the corn, which is greedily eaten, the hen profits little, for she cannot digest it properly, and, in consequence, is unprofitable. Insects (the natural animal food supply) are not to be had, nor is there any vegetable matter available. So the fowls return to natural conditions, which means no eggs until springtime, when they are again able to find the different ingredients from which eggs are formed.

Turkeys

I want to give you a few hints about the care of the old turkeys at this season of the year, in the hope that it may help in raising young ones in the spring, for during the past few years the number of letters telling about the loss of young turkeys in all parts of the country has been positively appalling, and it all springs from an intestinal disease commonly called "blackhead," which is spread through the droppings of infected birds. For this reason I want you to do a little doctoring right now to get the old birds in good condition, if possible.

First of all, plow the yards or grounds where the turkeys have been in the habit of congregating and thoroughly disinfect the roosts or fences which they frequent; then once every week put forty grains of Epsom salts in half-a-pint of water, and place it where the birds are likely to drink from it in the early morning. And before you give them their feed in the morning, mix one grain of sulphate of iron and one grain of silicate of soda and make it into a pill with a little curd cheese or bread which has been moistened with milk. The above amount is for one pill, and each bird should get one of these. At night, again try to force them to drink the water with Epsom salts in it. Or if you only have two or three birds which are pretty tame and easily handled, give them a teaspoonful of castor oil night and morning instead of the salts. Sweep up and burn all the droppings from under the roosts as early as possible in the morning. Repeat this treatment once a week for four weeks. After that time, add seven grains of catechu to every two quarts of drinking water every day for another month. After the first of the year, give the turkeys some of the laying hen's mash every morning, and all through the winter give them a good feed of corn at night.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, August 1914. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

I. D.—We have no stock nor eggs for sale. The price of eggs for setting varies, but you should be able to get eggs from pure bred birds for about three dollars a setting. Eggs from prize-winning stock, however, would range from five to twenty-five dollars a setting.

J. McK.—Perhaps you fed the chickens too heavily, or had the brooder too hot. Chicks must have plenty of exercise and fresh air. I think the chicks must have had some contagious disease, even if you did not notice any symptoms, as so many of them died. Feathering out quickly is generally a sign of strong, healthy chicks. But perhaps you mean that they only got their wing feathers quickly, which would indicate that the birds were weak, or had been forced too quickly.

L. P. M.—Please read answer to I. D. in this issue.

W. D. C.—From your description I should think the rooster had something in his throat, or perhaps sour crop. Without more knowledge of the case I can only suggest that you give him a tablespoon of castor oil every third night until he has had three doses, and feed lightly on mash. The oil cannot do any harm, and if there is no lodgment in the throat or crop it may remove it. At the same time spray throat and nostrils twice a day with permanganate of potassium.

E. E. M.—The birds have tuberculosis, which is a chronic and contagious disease characterized by the development of nodules called tubercles in various organs of the body, but most frequently in the liver, spleen and intestines. Tuberculosis is generally brought into the poultry yard with fowls that are purchased from infected flocks or with the eggs of diseased birds that are obtained for the purpose of hatching. If the disease exists in neighboring flocks, the contagion may be carried by small birds or animals passing from one yard to the other. A peculiarity of the tuberculosis of birds is that the liver and intestines are nearly always severely affected, and that as a consequence the birds are very numerous so the intestinal contents are so saturated with the droppings everywhere that the fowls go.

The introduction of a single diseased bird may, therefore, cause the infection of the greater part of the flock in a few weeks. In the same way, when wild birds contract the disease, the bacilli are carried and deposited in all the yards which they visit. The eggs of diseased birds frequently contain the bacilli, as has been proven by the inoculation of and the transference of the disease to rabbits and guinea pigs. The young chicks hatched from such infected eggs are diseased when they leave the shell, and, of course, soon infect the poultry with which they run. Moreover, since the sterile incubated eggs are often fed to chickens, it is clear that even the eggs which do not hatch may introduce the contagion unless they are cooked before feeding. Pigs, cats, rats and mice are especially liable to be infected with fowl tuberculosis from eating the carcasses of birds which have died, and these animals serve to keep up the contagion and may communicate it to other fowls. Even calves and colts are sometimes found suffering from this form of tuberculosis. Symptoms are not generally observed in the internal tuberculosis of fowls until the disease has reached an advanced stage of development. They begin with gradual loss of weight, wasting of the muscles, paleness of the comb, and toward the end, dullness, sleepiness and diarrhea. Very often there is at the same time a tubercular inflammation of the joints and of the sheaths of tendons, which is revealed by lameness, swelling of the joints of the legs, and sometimes by the formation of hard, external tumors of considerable size. Occasionally the skin over the swollen joints breaks, the interior of the joint is ulcerated, and a small quantity of pus, containing large numbers of tubercle bacilli, is discharged. Swellings and bony enlargements of the joints with fowls are invariably suspicious, and their nature should always be investigated by killing the bird and examining the liver and spleen to determine if these have any whitish or yellowish spots on their surface which when cut into prove to be tubercular masses. There is no treatment that will cure fowls which have been attacked with tuberculosis. When the disease is discovered, the effort should be to eradicate it at once by killing off the whole flock and thoroughly disinfecting all the houses and runs. As the great majority of the birds will probably be more or less affected, the chances are that any which are saved will have diseased livers and intestines, from which the bacilli will escape and keep up the infection of the flock and the runs. The danger of this is so great that "no attempt should be made to keep any of the fowls that have been exposed to the contagion, no matter how valuable they may be. The bodies of the birds which have died or are killed, as well as all the accumulated manure, sweepings and scrapings of the poultry houses, should be completely destroyed by fire.

R. M.—This case looks like poison of some sort: the hens being let out for a short time in the evening, and being so ravaged by foxes and insects, indicates that they will pick up anything. Have your neighbors been using a poison spray on fruit trees or potatoes? In such cases it is always advisable to give each bird a dose of castor oil, and use milk instead of water to drink. If your young birds seem all right, leave them on free range all the time. They will grow and develop much better than they would in yards.

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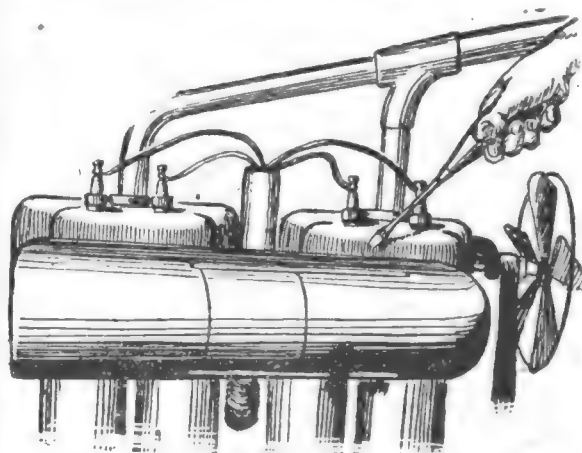
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When the Engine Goes "Dead"

HERE is an old anxiety which reads as follows: "There is a reason for everything." There are times when the automobile goes "dead," and invariably the owner will turn every adjustment within his reach in an effort to get the car started. There is no sense to such procedure and when the car goes suddenly "dead," there is a systematic course for locating the trouble. It is safe to assume that 99 times out of the 100 the trouble can be located in the gasoline or ignition systems. If the car has been running along smoothly and suddenly stops, it is only reasonable to assume that either the gasoline is not reaching the cylinders or that the ignition current has failed.

A sticking valve or broken spark plug will cause a miss for one particular cylinder, but the engine will continue to run.

Let us assume that we are driving, the engine hitting on all cylinders, when suddenly it quits cold. There are no loud reports and the engine stops just as if the ignition switch was turned off. The chances are that the ignition current has failed. Before leaving the driver's seat, turn on the lights and if they burn, it would indicate that the storage battery is O. K. However, if



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the lights do not burn, then you should instantly direct your attention to the storage battery. A storage battery will deliver sufficient current for ignition purposes long after it is too weak to take care of the lights. Nevertheless, bridge the negative and positive terminals with the pliers and if there is no flashing of sparks, it is safe to assume that the battery is dead and requires replacing or recharging.

Now, we will take the opposite condition. The lights burn when switched on, and so we know instantly that there is current. If you have anyone with you in the car, have him turn the motor over with the electric starter or hand-crank while you hold the end of the cable which connects to a spark plug about a sixteenth of an inch from the cylinder casting. If a spark does not jump the gap when the engine is turned over with the ignition switch on, you should look for loose terminals and bare wires. In other words, you must direct your entire attention to correcting the condition which prevents the current from reaching the spark plugs.

There is another condition, the backfiring through the muffler and carburetor before the engine stops. The trouble, when accompanied by the above symptoms, is usually due to lack of gasoline. The first step is, of course, to determine that there is gasoline in the storage tank. Having made certain that there is sufficient fuel, try to flood the carburetor by pressing down on the primer plunger. If the carburetor floods readily, the indications are that a shortage of gasoline is not the trouble and it will be well to look for a short circuit in the wiring.

However, if the carburetor floods after holding the primer plunger down for some time, it would indicate that there is a stoppage in the gasoline line and that the motor is consuming the gasoline faster than it is being fed to the carburetor. The remedy is to clean out the gasoline pipe.

Providing the carburetor does not flood, make certain that the shut-offs have not jarred closed and then determine whether the vacuum tank is operating properly. If there is no gasoline in the vacuum tank, the tank mechanism and connections should be carefully inspected. You will probably find instructions which clearly describe the operating principle of the vacuum tank and will experience no difficulty in checking up the mechanism.

The chief factor to bear in mind is that the trouble is undoubtedly due to a slight irregularity, either in the gasoline or ignition system, and, therefore, do not proceed to alter adjustments until you have located the cause.

Useful Pointers

Sticking Pistons

It is not an uncommon occurrence for the pistons in a motor which has stood idle for a long time to become "frozen" to the cylinder walls. In many cases the sticking pistons cannot be set free by pressure applied with the hand crank at the front end of the crank-shaft. The best procedure known to the writer is to drain the cooling system and refill with warm water so as to cause the cylinder walls to expand a trifle. Remove the spark plugs and squirt gasoline through the openings. The gasoline will find its way between the pistons and the cylinder walls. Jack up a rear wheel so that it is free from the floor, engage the high gear, and apply considerable power to the jacked wheel by first turning forward and then backward; the pistons should break away. Before running the motor on its own power, inject thin lubricating oil through the spark plug openings so as to insure the lubrication of the cylinder walls.

Rail-Riding Tires

The smooth street car rails often appeal to a motorist, especially if by riding upon them he can escape a stretch of rough road. While it cannot be denied that riding the rails often adds considerable to the comfort of the passengers, yet if the owner is endeavoring to operate his car at a minimum expense, it must be pointed out that rail-riding has its effect on tires. Tires are constructed for the weight of the machine to be borne by the tread. However, when the car is run in the car tracks, the weight of the car falls to the side of the tires. This practice causes the piles of fabric to separate and the tread to

loosen. Car tracks many times present razor edges, and more than one tire has been torn by running on a switch.

Inflating Tube

The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. advises that a tube should never be placed on the ground or floor when partially inflating it before insertion in the casing. This practice allows the tube to pick up particles of sand, clinders and oil which create friction and eventually tiny holes.

The right way is to place the tube over the left shoulder and pump with the right hand. Thus no portion of the tube will be allowed to touch the road or pavement. When the tube is well rounded with the air and free from wrinkles, it is ready for insertion in the casing, and then should be pumped to the prescribed pressure.

Road Commandments

The following rules for automobilists have been presented by the National Council of Industrial Safety:

1. Be considerate.
 2. Go slow; first, passing children; second, passing vehicles; third, approaching crossings; fourth, turning corners.
 3. Stop first at railroad crossings; second, behind standing street cars.
 4. Use chain on slippery pavements.
 5. When in doubt go slow or stop.
- The council further requests all automobilists to obey to the letter these nine commandments of the road:
- Don't run fast into or across main highways.
 - Don't take blind curves too fast.
 - Don't run on the wrong side of the road.
 - Don't pass street cars when passengers are boarding or leaving.
 - Don't fail to sound your horn before passing other vehicles.
 - Don't forget that a car or person may be just around the turn.
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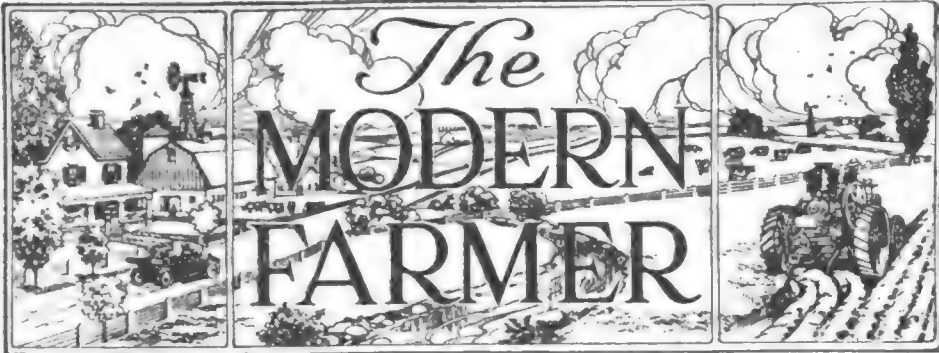
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Combating Potato Bugs

Professor Millward of the Wisconsin station advises that arsenate of zinc used at the rate of two pounds to 50 gallons of water will give good results as a poison for the pestiferous potato beetle. It should be applied immediately after the eggs hatch, when the bugs are small. Hot, damp weather is bad bug weather. The young bugs are found in clusters on the upper parts of the plants. In such weather, poisons applied to kill bugs are most liable to burn the plants. Apply the poison solution by use of

coarse nozzles. Completely wet down every portion of the young plants. Make two or three applications at close intervals. The best grades of potato spraying machinery should be used to give effective results. A machine that will serve for spraying against bugs early in the season at light pressure and later for leaf blight at high pressure is particularly desirable. Hand atomizers, knapsack sprayers and power outfits are types of machinery that are available and fit the needs of everyone, from the truck gardener to the commercial potato grower.

Poisoning Grasshoppers

Entomologists of the Wisconsin station advise poisoning as the only way of controlling the grasshopper situation. They advise to scatter bran mash over the fields early in the morning, using five to seven pounds to the acre. The poison bait is made by mixing together 50 pounds of bran, alfalfa meal, or middlings, two pounds of Paris green or white arsenic and two pounds of salt. Then take one ounce of the cheapest kerosene extract and pour into a bucket of water. Stir this mixture into the bran poison, adding more water until the bran becomes thoroughly moistened and crumbly. Scatter broadcast over the infested field early in the morning while the dew is on the grass. Stock should of course be kept off the treated fields, and poultry also.

Killing Dandelions on Lawns

Experiments made at the New York station during the past eight years show that dandelions

may be eradicated from lawns by proper spraying with a solution of one and one half to two pounds of sulphate of iron (also known as copperas or green vitriol) to the gallon of water. A gallon of the solution will suffice for 375 square feet and 175 pounds of the sulphate will do for one acre. Apply in form of fine mist sprayed well into the foliage. A compressed air spray, knapsack sprayer or similar apparatus will suffice. Strain the solution through a fine strainer or two thicknesses of cheese-cloth. Keep the spray from wetting clothing, sidewalks, building foundations, monuments, curbstones, etc., as it stains badly. Give the first treatment when flower buds are seen, but before they blossom. Follow with treatments at three or four week intervals during the spring growing season and one or two others in late summer or autumn. Fertilization of the lawn and frequent reseeding also is advised.

Success with Milking Machines

Observations at the New York station indicate that the methods of cleaning are more important than the type of milker in determining the germ content of milk and that high-grade milk can be produced with the milkers, provided they are cleaned and cared for twice a day for 365 days in the year by methods known to give the best results. This means rapid but careful washing of the machines by drawing successive pails of cold water, hot alkali water, and clear hot water through them immediately after each milking; immersion of the teat-cups and all rubber parts in a good sterilizing solution between milkings, supplemented by a very thorough weekly overhauling of the teat-cups and tubes; and daily scalding and thorough drying of all the metal parts that come in contact with the milk, except those parts kept in the sterilizing solution. The solutions referred to usually are prescribed by the maker of each type of milking machine.

Sunflower Silage

On the Michigan experiment station farm a three-acre strip of sunflowers produced 30 per cent greater tonnage than an equal area of corn adjacent. These sunflowers were put in one of the dairy silos with corn silage above and below and the silage fed out to the dairy herd during the winter. Sunflower silage was found to be very dark colored, and has a strong odor and some of the cows refused it entirely on the start, while others ate it readily. As soon as they became accustomed to the sunflower silage they were fed the same amounts by weight as they received of the corn silage. When the herd changed from corn silage to sunflower silage a

marked drop in milk flow was apparent and the cows began to lose condition rapidly. The feeding of clear sunflower silage was continued for 12 days, when it was thought best to make a change and the balance of the sunflower silage was fed with an equal weight of corn silage, after which the herd was fed straight corn silage. The grain and hay ration remained the same throughout different periods. The results are summed up as follows: Milk-flow dropped 11.65 per cent during the seven-day period on sunflower silage but recovered noticeably when corn and corn silage were fed in equal parts, dropping again when the herd changed back to straight corn silage. In the feeding trial, sunflower silage compared very unfavorably with corn silage. However, a drop in milk-flow when the cows were changed from mixed corn and sunflower silage to clear corn silage, would indicate that the mixture may be preferable to straight corn silage and work along this line will be continued during the present season.

Spray Sheep Against Gad-Flies

The Iowa station advises that sheep may be successfully sprayed during summer to keep them free from gad flies which produce grubs that work their way into the upper passages and sinuses of the head, by way of the nostrils, and cause great distress and damage to the sheep. "The best way to fight the pest," says Dr. Stouder, "is to spray the head of the sheep with fly repellents or to place some good fly-chaser remedy near the salt lick so that the sheep when going to get salt, will rub it with their noses and apply it themselves. The best cure is to prevent the pest from getting to the sheep, since they are hard to get out of the animal's head once they get there." The sheep gad-fly is a yellowish grey fly with brown hairs, about the size of a common house fly. It is very active during the mid-day and causes the sheep to crowd together as it tries to get into their nostrils to deposit its embryo grubs or larvae.

Sawdust as Cow Feed

What next? The Wisconsin station, collaborating with the United States Department of Agriculture, has successfully fed dairy cows upon sawdust treated by a new process perfected by Dr. E. C. Sherrard of the Government Forest Products Laboratory at Madison. Professor Morrison of the agricultural experiment station there has done the feeding work. He says that "seasonal reports circulating to the effect that the saving in feed will be enormous and that the use of sawdust will revolutionize the dairy industry are false and misleading. No one," he adds, "can state whether or not it will prove of practical application." It would seem that cattle may be fed a limited amount of the new hydrolyzed sawdust. As a feed it contains only a negligible amount of protein and for that reason cannot be compared with barley. In both experiment rations fed at the station the protein was furnished by other feeds. Before attempting the manufacture of this new feed on a commercial scale it will be necessary to carry on much longer feeding tests to find out whether the sawdust has any injurious effects when its use is long continued. It seems likely, however, that in time scientists may perfect profitable feeding stuffs from sawdust and other now wasted materials.

The "Fat of the Land"

We often hear the expression that such and such a person is living off the "fat of the land," and generally it refers to some wealthy person who is able to buy the luxuries that a well-filled purse is able to pay for.

As a matter of fact, to trace the expression back to its source, it means the best the land or soil can be made to produce for the material sustenance of man. This being true, then every reasonably successful farmer can be living off "the fat of the land" if he is willing to put his time and effort to that effect.

Many farmers give too little time and attention to provide for the raising of the many special crops which make the difference between a real luxury in diet and an everyday sameness which no man can work his best upon, and which the family tolerate because they must. A farmer's living, or what he eats, can and should be of the best. In fact, he can have as much or better than a successful business man is able to buy. The only thing necessary is the thought and willingness to produce it.

The wife is too often expected by some hook or creek, or some trick of legerdemain, to "set a good table" and provide good, nourishing meals out of nothing. Too many farm women are at their wit's end to know how to place before their family an appetizing variety.

The Farm Garden

The farm garden is too often turned over to the wife for her to produce and do all the heavy back-breaking labor but the first plowing. All the busy farm wife should do about the garden is to help plant it and oversee its cultivation. A farm garden that has the necessary variety of vegetables and the proper successive plantings of all season crops, is too big and requires too much hand labor for any woman to attempt. The farm garden should be planted in rows and everything as far as possible cultivated like any other farm crop, by horse power. Too many times the farmer thinks that beets, carrots, turnips, parsnips and the other common vegetables is about all there is to a garden. For such a farmer a good, up-to-date reliable garden book will afford some mighty interesting reading. How much celery, head lettuce, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, salsify, is found in the average farm garden?

Dairy Products

Suppose for the sake of argument the farm has a good vegetable garden of excellent varieties and of great abundance.

It must be remembered that some vegetables to be nourishing and appetizing need good whole milk, cream and butter to combine with them to be really satisfying and wholesome. A farm that is any farm at all need not stint on these necessities. A man need not be a dairy farmer to let his family have all the milk, butter and cream it can use. A family cow or two will supply an abundance and there is no food that can take the place of milk and milk products.

Orchard

There is no work that gives better returns than that spent on an orchard or fruit garden. One of the best crops a farmer raises is his fruit crop. A good big orchard of all the varieties of fruit his locality can produce is a wonderful money saver. In connection with the orchard should be a garden of small fruits—blackberries, gooseberries, grapes, currants, strawberries—in fact every kind of small fruit that it is possible for him to raise. It doesn't take much imagination to picture well-filled storehouse shelves of sauces, jellies and preserves that fairly make the mouth water as a result of a good orchard and fruit garden.

Meat

No farm table should be limited to fresh meat at butchering time and salt pork the rest of the year excepting when an occasional trip to town brings home a little fresh meat.

The farmer should have the very best of meat and he can if he puts thought and well-directed effort in it. He should make a study of the curing of hams and bacon, making and keeping of sausage, drying of beef, canning of beef and chicken, and so on 'til his meat supply is equal to that of his vegetables and fruit.

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TO the girls expressing a desire to "do something worth while," the best advice I can give you is embodied in the verse quoted below. I'm particularly fond of the line, "Find thy mission on the earth and leave the stars to light the skies." We are so apt to want to assist the stars to "light the skies" that we let the humble, everyday tasks pass by unnoticed. The humble, everyday tasks pass by unnoticed. —Ed.

"Do a little good in passing, sow some kindness every day,
Stretch a hand to help a struggler who has fallen by the way.
Flash a smile to cheer the mourner, plant a flower to bud and bloom,
Loose a ray of sympathy to pierce with sunlight the thick gloom;
Stop and counsel with the erring, help the fallen one to rise,
Find thy mission on the earth and leave the stars to light the skies;
Whisper comfort to the sobbing, let the sunshine struggle through,
And when Heaven's portals open there will be a place for you."

L. and J., Nebraska.—Is it proper for a girl to "dispose of" her little brothers and sisters when a young man calls on her? You sound as though you were speaking of kittens and intended to put them in a bag with some rocks and—but why go into murderous details? I've seen some little brothers and sisters that I thought a temporary drowning would benefit but maybe you'd better spare yours a while longer. Don't abuse them out first thing. Let them stay a little while and then have your mother send them to bed or "dispose of" them in some way. Mothers should understand such things without being told. (2) In days of old when knights were bold it would have been the proper thing for a man to lay down his coat of arms for his lady fair to walk upon, but in these days of \$75.00 suits he would be very foolish to do that when he might carry her across a muddy place. A shoe shine costs only ten cents. I'll answer the rest of your questions some other time.

BROWN-EYED ELLA, California.—If I were a young girl of twenty, a man of forty would have to possess more material wealth than three horses and nine dogs before I'd think of marrying him. As you say, dogs make nice pets but you can't live with them. A man of that age, if he has spent his time and money wisely, should have a home to offer to a girl. There was some talk a while ago of changing the calendar so as to make thirteen months and I think you'd better wait and select that month for your marriage.

MARY, N. C.—Why ask me for advice when you've got it all settled that you are to be married in September? If your father and mother approve of the man of your choice then I don't see as I can say anything unless I object on the grounds that you are too young to marry anyone. May all happiness be yours.

E. L. M., Ill.—He is a selfish person and an education will be worth more to you than six like him; in fact, selfish, dishonorable men, such as he has shown himself to be, should be tied in bunches and sold for six-for-a-quarter, though it would be a waste of money to buy them. Now I suppose you'll be cross and marry him just for spite; but you wanted my opinion and I have given it to you straight from the shoulder.

POWELL, Georgia.—Men aren't the shy creatures you picture them, and if he loves you, as you think he does, he won't try to keep you from knowing it. There's really nothing you can do to show your love for him any more than being sort of friendly-nice to him.

Mrs. J. V. J., Montana.—A few months ago I made some flippant remark regarding correspondence school nurses and now one of them comes back at me with a very diplomatic call-down and tells me that practical nurses would do well to take a correspondence school course and that such a course would be of inestimable worth to mothers. "Is true, Mrs. V., and I'll take back all I said; only I reserve the right to hand my precious insides over to a regular home-to-goodness trained nurse for inspection and repairs, or rather to assist the surgeon. Of course there are a great many cases where they can give as intelligent care as a trained nurse and maybe a T. N. could learn something from them."

PUZZLED GIRLIE, Michigan.—Your girl friend should have asked your consent before sending your name to a boy she didn't know, and your mother is right in refusing to allow you to correspond with him. It would be proper to write a letter of explanation, telling him the truth, and if he is the right sort he will respect you all the more for it, and if he isn't you don't want to correspond with him anyway.

SALTED ALMONDS, Okla.—You aren't more than a pound or two overweight; not enough to worry about. You are right in classing boys as "forbidden fruit"—particularly mushy ones. Why not study as much as possible instead of as little as possible. You are cheating yourself, and a person who does that is my idea of the biggest simpleton.

HILDA, N. C.—To live up to the advice given in the poem you should "stop and counsel with the erring, help the fallen ones to rise," but to do that doesn't mean that you must consider yourself engaged to a man who gets drunk. Don't drag yourself down to help him. Be kindly encouraging but not hopeful of anything more until he can present a new set of morals for your inspection with proper attention paid to the 18th Amendment.

MICKEY, Ga.—It is the custom in certain foreign countries for a girl to have a well-filled hope chest before becoming engaged, even. In fact, I believe there is a certain country where the girl is supposed to have enough underwear to last an ordinary lifetime—not only for herself but for her future husband, though that seems a rather indecent subject, and, besides, how does she know they'll fit? All this, of course, in addition to household linen, etc. The majority of girls become engaged before they have hope chests. They aren't as popular as they were in our grandmothers' day, but they are mighty nice to have.

There, that's enough advice for one dose. Repeat, if necessary.

By, by, COUSIN MARION.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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ever, she promised "never, no, never again," to write to me and wouldn't have them only to tell me how "very, very unkind I was," etc., etc. I've written her a letter of apology but please don't add to Clarence Beam's burdens by any such wall of woe. If you really want to hear from him, a check or money-order for some of his work will bring you a reply.—Ed.

Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

To remove ring from swollen finger, dip in the finger in ice-cold soapsuds.

Raw potato juice will remove stains from the hands; also from woolen fabrics.

To brighten spoons and other silver, let them stay in buttermilk five or ten minutes.—E. M., Idaho.

Boil hooks and eyes in strong soda water before sewing them on garments and they will not rust.

If you have flowers planted in a dry place, try covering the soil with sawdust. It holds the moisture much longer.

When sheets are worn thin in the center, rip or cut open and sew the outer edges together.—INEZ PHOVOW FITCH, Springfield, Tenn.

Sprinkle a few drops of kerosene on broom a little while before sweeping and there won't be as much dust.—HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, Texas.

Put a new lamp chimney in a pan of cold water and let it come to a boil. Do not remove until water cools gradually. This toughens them.

When washing lettuce or greens of any kind, put a tablespoon of salt in the water and the dirt and grit will go to the bottom of the pan.—S. P., Luray, Va.

Try making window blinds of one and one half yards of Indian Head linen, thirty-six inches wide. Attach one end to roller and make hem in other for stick, or crochet edge for it. When the blind gets soiled it can be washed like any white cloth.—OLD SUNSHINE, Walton, Ky.

To remove white spots from furniture, caused by spilling of water, mix one part coal oil, and one part turpentine, using about two tablespoons of each with a cake of home-made lye soap, about one pint, and melt all together. Apply with soft cloth to white spots and it will instantly restore the color. I have tried this and find it good.—C. CLIFF.

Requests

Mrs. Horace G. Beckwith, Casper, Wyo., would like the February, 1920, issue of COMFORT.

Mrs. J. M. Haines, Burns, P. O. Box 240, Ore., would like to correspond with COMFORT folks.

Will return favor if someone will send me a December, 1919, COMFORT.—MRS. LIZZIE STAFFORD, Tresevant, R. R. 1, Tenn.

Will some kind sister please send me the JANUARY, 1918, issue of McCall's Magazine.—MRS. NORMAN E. WILLIAMS, Boyou Meto, Ark.

Will someone kindly send me The Illustrated Companion for December, 1918 and 1919.—MISS LOUISE LAMB, Cerulean, Box 53, Ky.

I would like the poem beginning, "The earth has grown old, with its burden of care," and "The Christmas Tree."

"All withered and dead and cheerless
It lay in the city street;
It had had its day and glory
To be trampled 'neath the feet."

READER, COMFORT.

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Home Dressmaking Hints

Forecasts for Fall Fashions

By Geneva Gladding

THE new fashions are marked by novel features in materials, combinations of fabrics, colorings and trimmings. Of course the autumn season brings a scheme somewhat subdued from the gaiety of the summer lines, but we are to have bold plaids and blocks, and splendid two-toned effects, braid and bead trimmings and platings galore.

Separate skirts have a strong hold on popularity and as a rule the separate blouse for wear with a suit is of a contrasting color, the color of the skirt generally appearing in the blouse in a decorative way.

Tailored suits stand out in smart simplicity. Vestees of broad silk and embroidered linen are a usual accessory.

Skirts are short, or rather should be of a length becoming to the wearer, and short enough for comfort and grace.

Draperies are still in vogue, as tunics, puffs, platings and cascades.

Chemise and coat dresses are again to the fore with new style features.

Sleeves will be worn short well into the fall season, but many smart models show long, close-fitting sleeves.

The lengthened waistline is most popular and altogether pleasing though the straight lines of the figure have not been changed.

Description of Patterns Illustrated on Front Cover

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3100—Practical Set of Infant's Clothes.

Cut in one size and requires two and three eighths yards of 36-inch material for dress, two and one fourth yards of 27-inch material for petticoat with two yards of embroidery for ruffle. Shippers will require three eighths yard of 18-inch material, and the Barrie-Coat three eighths yard of 27-inch material for band and one yard 40 inches wide for skirt.

3137—Practical Apron Dress. Khaki, gingham, repp, poplin and percale are suitable for this style.

Cut in four sizes: small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. For a medium size, four and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material will be required.

3216—A Popular style. The dress may be all of the same material.

Cut in four sizes: six, eight, 10 and 12 years. A 10-year size will require one and seven eighths yard of 36-inch material for skirt and two yards of 27-inch material for waist.

3249—Becoming Dress for Home or Porch Wear. Serge, gabardine, percale and chambray are good for this model.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It will require six and one eighth yards of 36-inch material for medium size.

3243—Popular Suit for the Small Boy. Trouser may be of serge, cheviot, khaki or corduroy, and waist of drill, linen, percale or chambray.

Cut in five sizes: two, three, four, five and six years. Four-year size will require two and one half yards of 27-inch material.

3093—Smart Utility Coat. Mixtures, cheviot, tweed, serge, broadcloth, polo cloth and pile fabrics are all desirable materials.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires four and seven eighths yards of 54-inch material.

3120—Smart Coat Dress. Taffeta, velvet, serge, duvetyne or broadcloth are suitable for this model.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require four and one half yards of 44-inch material.

3018—Dainty Play Dress. One may have this in checked gingham with trimming of a plain collar or in percale with pique for collar, cuffs and belt.

Cut in four sizes: two, three, four and five years. Size three will require two and three fourths yards of 27-inch material.

3011—Becoming Frock for Mother's Girl. For this neat dress one could use gingham, chambray, drill, gabardine, voile, serge or silk.

Cut in four sizes: four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight requires three and seven eighths yards of 27-inch material.

3027, Waist; 3004, Skirt—Costume for Home or Business. This suit requires two patterns. Order both numbers.

Waist Pattern (3027) cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require three and one half yards of 27-inch material. Skirt (3004) cut in seven sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Two and one half yards of 48-inch material will make a 24-inch size. Two separate patterns, price 30 cents for the two.

3042—Girl's Dress with Surplice Waist. Serge, gabardine, voile, checked and plaid woolen and all wash fabrics are good for this style.

Cut in four sizes: eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 requires four and one half yards of 27-inch material.

3103—Comfortable Suit for Small Boy. Serge, cheviot, broadcloth, velvet, corduroy, linen, gingham, chambray and drill could be used for this model.

Cut in four sizes: two, three, four and five years. Size four will require two and three eighths yards of 40-inch material.

2990—Simple Frock for the Little Miss. One may choose gingham, percale or lawn for this style, or checked or plaid suiting.

Cut in five sizes: two, four, six, eight and 10 years. Size six requires two and one half yards of 36-inch material.

3026—Girl's Gymnasium Suit. For blouse one could use madras, linen, serge or flannel. For bloomers, serge, brilliantine or saten.

Cut in five sizes: eight, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years. It requires three and three fourths yards of 27-inch material for blouse and three and three eighths yards for bloomers, for a 12-year size.

3083—A Pleasing Model. This is a good style for satin, taffeta, serge, gabardine, plaid and checked suiting, gingham and chambray. The tunic may be omitted.

Cut in four sizes: eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires four and three eighths yards of 44-inch material.

3051—Popular Coat Style. This is a good model for cheviot and tweed mixtures, also for plush, corduroy and other pile fabrics.

Cut in five sizes: six, eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 will require four and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

3084—New Frock for the "Little One." For this style one could choose soft silk, batiste or nainsook, for service and utility, check or plaid woolen, gingham or chambray.

Cut in four sizes: two, three, four and five years. Size four will require three yards of 27-inch material.

3035—Simple School Dress for the Growing Girl. This model is good for serge, gabardine, checked or plaid suiting and for all wash fabrics.

Cut in three sizes: 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 will require five and one eighth yards of 27-inch material.

3021—Smart Utility Coat. This style is good for wool velour, plush and other pile fabrics, polo cloth and tweeds.

Cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require six and one half yards of 52-inch material.

3003—Very Attractive Dress. This is very good for gingham, chambray, lawn, drill, linen, serge, gabardine, voile, poplin, repp or percale.

Cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires five and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

3276, Waist; 3257, Skirt—Dressy Dress for the Matron. This dress requires two patterns.

Waist Pattern (3276) is cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Skirt (3257) is cut in seven sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. To make the dress for a medium size will require seven and one fourth yards of 40-inch material. Two separate patterns, price 30 cents for the two. Order both numbers.

3044—Pretty Style for Slender Figures. This is a good model for satin, foulard, crepe, crepe de chine or for combinations of materials.

Cut in three sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 will require three and one half yards of 44-inch material.

3166—Very Pretty and Stylish Model. One could have this in foulard, taffeta, duvetyne, satin and French serge.

Cut in three sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. Five and one eighth yards of 36-inch material will be required for an 18-year size.

3082—Lady's Dress. This style will make a smart street suit in velvet, duvetyne or broadcloth.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires five and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

Waist, 3025; Skirt, 3008—An Attractive Costume. This costume requires two patterns. Order both numbers.

Waist Pattern (3025) is cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Skirt (3008) is cut in seven sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. To make this attractive style for a medium size will require five and three fourths yards of 44-inch material. Two separate patterns, price 30 cents for the two.

3045—Pleasing Bit of Lingerie. This model is lovely for crepe, silk, lawn or nainsook.

Cut in four sizes: small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires two and five eighths yards of 36-inch material.

3056—Comfortable Neglige. For this attractive style one could use cotton or silk crepe, crepe de chine or China silk.

Cut in four sizes: small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require four and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

306—Smart Blouse Style. Blue duvetyne was selected for this model with embroidered satin for trimming.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires three and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

3062—Dainty Boudoir Set. For this pretty cap and sack one could choose China silk, crepe or crepe de chine.

Cut in four sizes: small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires five eighths yard for the cap and three and three eighths yards for the sack, of 32-inch material.

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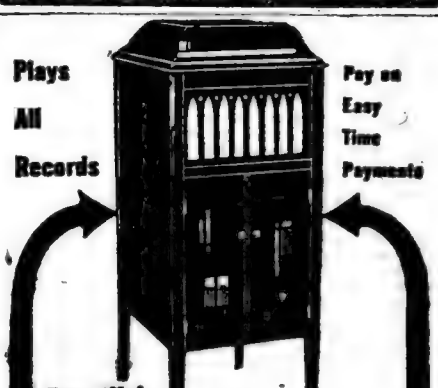
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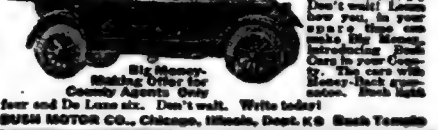
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Her Two Suitors

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terest. They knew what was coming, the piece de resistance of the circus. Para in the lion's den!

A gong sounded, and instantly Para ran into the ring under the cage, a long, slender whip in his hand.

There was a roar from the entrance behind the cage, and the audience shifted uneasily, anxiously in their seats, their appetites whetted by the knowledge of danger.

A great lion, lashing his tail, rushed into the cage, a tiger followed, then another lion and a bear, then another lion, and so on until the ring was filled with animals.

The heat, or the change in Para's clothing, seemed to change the tempers of the brutes, for they were less manageable than usual, and Para was forced upon several occasions to cut one sharply with the whip. There was to follow another, though shorter act, where a female lion was made to ride upon the back of a horse.

The horse, with the single girth about his stomach, entered the ring.

Para cracked his whip gaily. He never allowed himself to become excited; but his success with the rather obstreperous animals, and the appreciation of the audience had pleased him infinitely, so in love is man with his own power. He sent the horse about the ring several times, then motioned for the entrance of the lioness.

A long, low roar, or, rather, growl, escaped her, quickly cut short by a sharp lash from Para's whip. She trotted once about the ring, turning her eyes upon him angrily; but he had seen her do that many times before, when the weather was especially warm, and paid little heed.

He seemed to have utterly forgotten the fact that he had changed his dress, and that Alice, the lioness, had not recognized it.

She obeyed him, however, when he forced her to the platform from which she was to make her spring to the horse's back.

She even obeyed when he demanded that she make the spring, and rode the horse once about the ring, leaping to the platform again as the horse passed under it, but as the horse came again, ready for her to make her second plunge upon his back, she did not respond.

Yet again he trotted around the ring, still with nothing more from her than an angry growl at Para. The third time he gave her a stinging cut from the whip, and, without further warning, she sprang, but not toward the horse, as Para had intended.

Quicker than thought, she was upon him, her long claws buried in his flesh, her glaring white teeth tearing at his neck.

Regardless of his own danger, Rudolph sprang into the cage. On the way he had seized a heavy club, and, swinging it about his head, brought it down with deadly effect upon the head of the enraged lioness.

She fell backward for a moment, glaring at him with fierce, bloodshot eyes, her mouth stained with the blood of the best friend Rudolph had ever known, and for a moment crouched to spring. The club fell once more upon the animal's head. Another blow was not required.

She lay there, only a sharp jerking of the limbs showing that life was not quite extinct, lay helpless beside her silent victim.

Para was carried out.

"For God's sake, don't let Dorothy see him!" Rudolph whispered to some one.

But already the great, grief-stricken eyes of the girl had fallen upon the mangled remains.

She fell upon her knees beside the rude bier, and some one threw a piece of tarpaulin over the body. The girl neither spoke nor wept. A stunned, stupid agony seemed to bewilder her.

Ten minutes before, Para as well and strong as he had ever been in his life, Para, loving and gentle and tender, had kissed her, Para in the full flush of his manhood, had been alive and well, and now—how lay there before her—how?

Some one lifted her up, but it was into Rudolph's arms that she fell, in a faint from which it seemed that she would never arouse her.

Rudolph was in his ordinary clothes when she opened her eyes to consciousness. She put up her arms and clasped them about his neck.

"What has happened to me, Rudolph?" she questioned feebly. "I feel so strangely, as if the very heart had been cut out of my body. I feel empty and utterly barren. What is it? Oh, don't answer me! I know—I know!"

They carried Para's body to the East, Rudolph and Dorothy severing their connection with the circus.

"I couldn't go on now," Rudolph told the manager. "The blow has been too crushing to permit that just at first. And then, too, I have Dorothy to think of."

"What shall you do with her?" the manager inquired.

"I don't know. I have not thought yet."

"Because you know," the man continued, "you can't go on in the old way of course, lest you would ruin the girl. She is not your sister, you know."

"What do you mean?" gasped Rudolph.

"Just what you must see when you have recovered a little more from the shock. As long as Para was alive it was all well enough. In our wild way of living, for you and Dorothy to live as you have; but now you can't go on like that. You must have some consideration for the girl. You must either leave her at home with some one, or you must marry her!"

"Marry her! Marry Dorothy!"

Oh, yes! He saw it clearly enough, now that it had been put to him. He was not Dorothy's brother. A strange tingling shot through him. He had never thought of Dorothy as anything but a sister, or an angel, until that moment.

He turned suddenly. She was just coming

through a flap in the tent, white as a lily with a newly-broken stem.

For the first time in his life, he hesitated to approach her. For the first time an embarrassment seized upon him in her presence. And then the sweet, warm glow that passed through all his body told him the truth.

He loved Dorothy—not as a sister, but with the passionate ecstasy that colors all a man's after life.

CHAPTER III.

RUDOLPH'S AVOWAL.

Para was buried.

There was considerably more of an estate mentioned in his will than either Rudolph or Dorothy knew anything of.

"I don't feel as if I could ever look at tights and spangles again," Dorothy said, with a shudder. "I shall always bear the sight of a tent."

"I suppose I can do something else," he said doubtfully. "I have never tried in my life, you know; but one always finds a way if one only looks hard enough. I was born to it and brought up to it, and it seemed a natural consequence of things. Still, if you think you couldn't bear it—and it is quite natural you should, I know—why, I wouldn't distress you for all the world, Dorothy."

"But why should you?" she asked sorrowfully. "There is the money Para risked his life to earn."

"But that is yours. I wouldn't touch a cent of it for anything you could name. Suppose anything should happen to me such as happened to Para—"

"Rudolph!"

The word came so sharply, so hoarsely, that Rudolph caught her hand and pressed it tenderly. "Forgive me!" he cried contritely. "I didn't think how it would hurt you. But I won't go back to the circus if you really wish it, dear."

"Oh, Rudolph!" she cried, clasping his hand closely and kissing it. "How good you are to me! Do you know, I have planned just the life for us! We will buy a dear little place somewhere on the river, where we shall have the country and the water, and we shall have the quaintest, prettiest little house, with ducks and geese and chickens and—things—horses, of course, with a boat to row on moonlit nights. Won't it be heavenly? Oh, how Para would have loved it! But—I forgot! I am always thinking of myself, and never of you, while you never think of yourself at all. You would miss the wild, roving life, the ring, and the excitement. You would have only me to look at, and you would grow horribly weary of that!"

"Indeed, I never should!" he cried eagerly. "You know better than that, Dorothy. You know that there could be no greater happiness for me than just the quiet little life you picture; but—it can't be, as—as we—are, Dorothy. You must see that, dear."

"See what?" she ejaculated. "Why can't we be as we are?"

"Because—because, dear—you are not—not my sister—neither are you my—wife!"

"Well, of course, I'm not, and I wouldn't be for anything! Jack Haspard and his sister are always quarreling and saying nasty things to each other, and Walter Denton and his wife even fight. Don't you remember the day you knocked him down for striking her?"

"Yes, I remember, but—Walter Denton is a brute, dear. You don't think I could ever be like him, do you?"

"No, I don't think you could ever be like him. But what did you mean? If you wouldn't grow tired of me, why shouldn't we have our little home in the country?"

"I—I, oh Dorothy, we lost more than either of us thought when dear old Para died. His presence made everything right. He was our father; but, dear—I am a young man, as far as years go, though I seem old enough to be your father. The world does not allow an unprotected girl like you and a young man like me, who are neither brother and sister, nor yet man and wife, to live beneath the same roof. It breaks my heart to tell you this, dear, and yet I should be doing less than my duty to you if I did not do it, Dorothy."

"What has the world to do with you and me?" she demanded hotly.

"Nothing now, perhaps, but some day you might curse me for not better protecting your innocence. You remember how you came to us, Para and me, Dorothy? Well, some day you may find your family, and when you do, dear, they will be wealthy and powerful. I am sure of that, from the quality of the little clothes we have so carefully preserved. When that day comes, there must be no stain, even placed there by innocence, upon your snow-white reputation. Dear, as I love you, deeply as it will grieve me, I must leave you, Dorothy, unless—unless—"

"Unless what?"

"Unless you should become—my wife!"

The words were whispered. He couldn't voice them, try as he would. His emotion seemed choking him, and yet he would not have influenced her by an exhibition of it for all the world.

"Oh, no, Rudolph!" she cried out hastily, flinging out her hands deprecatingly. "I couldn't! It would be like marrying my own brother! I couldn't do that! And you couldn't! Why, we should hate each other in a month! And I couldn't bear that, dear! I want to love you always, always! You and Nemo are all I have now!"

The last sentence, so plaintive that it ended in a little wail, seemed to pierce him like a hot iron. It told him so clearly, so concisely, so—hopelessly the truth. She clung to him because he and the wolf were all that was left her! She loved him, because she had nothing else under heaven that was human to love. She would have been as utterly alone, but for him, as if the earth contained no other presence than her own.

That was why she loved him, and only that! He forced a smile to his lips, and leaned forward where she could not see his haggard face at all.

"And as long as Nemo and I live you shall have us," he answered softly.

"Then we may have the house in the country, Rudolph?"

"Yes, but not with me, dear. I shall come to see you sometimes; but, much as it will hurt me, much as I know you will miss me, I must consider your reputation first. Please don't ask me any questions tonight, Dorothy. I am very tired, and my—head aches so!"

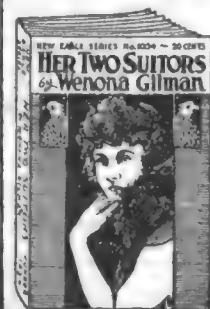
"Good night, Rudolph. You are not annoyed at anything that I have said, are you?" wistfully.

"No; I could never be annoyed with you."

But as the door closed, shutting him out of her presence, the words Para had spoken on the afternoon that she came to him—spoken with death and destruction all about him—recurred to Rudolph:

"Pray God I am not hanging a millstone around your neck that will drag you to destruction some day!"

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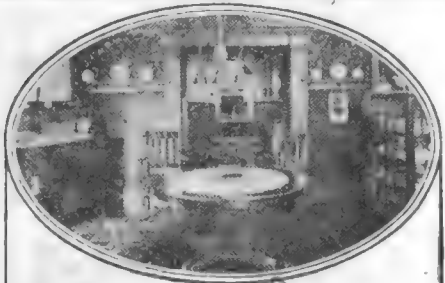
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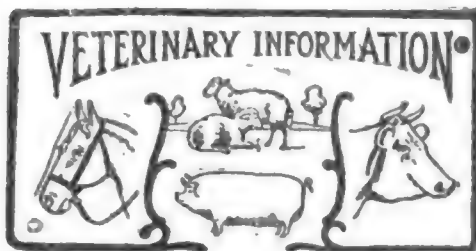
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Red Water

HEMOGLOBINURIA, commonly called "red water," is a comparatively common and serious ailment of cattle on some Pacific Coast farms. We have received a great many inquiries regarding it from readers in Oregon and Washington and have had to tell them that no specific remedy has been found for the disease which has by some been attributed to acid matters in the wild pastures and by more scientific investigators to micro-organisms known as protozoa. Affected cattle pass red-colored urine and gradually waste away and finally succumb, although they may manage to survive for a long time. In some cases the disease is acute; in others it tends to assume a chronic form. Popular remedies have been alum, powdered copperas (sulphate of iron), iodine and iodide of potash. They have been fairly effective in some cases.

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DEATH OF HORSE.—I had a very fine horse, six years old. I found him at three o'clock in the afternoon with white foam running from his nose and mouth.

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He wouldn't eat but wanted water, and staggered. He grew worse, dying at ten that night. It was the opinion of some that he was poisoned. J. M. F.

A.—One at a distance cannot make a confident diagnosis in such a case, but poisoning would be a possible cause of death. The horse may have got at lead or arsenic. Malicious poisoning is very rare in our experience, although commonly suspected.

ITCHING SKIN.—I have a mare that hasn't much mane; the longest is not over six inches and, under the mane it seems to be in a scaly condition and no hair growing there. Can you tell me what to do? (2) I have a mule, which in summer time has trouble with her eyes. They seem to be inflamed and run water and pus. Would flies cause this? Please give me a remedy. C. G. E.

A.—Perfectly cleanse the skin by scrubbing with soap and hot water, then rub in, every three days, a mixture of two ounces of flowers of sulphur, half an ounce of coal tar dip or disinfectant and one pint of cottonseed oil. (2) In such cases we usually find that the tear ducts are blocked, or partially so, and flies aggravate the irritation. A veterinarian could clear the ducts. Meanwhile, bathe the eyes three times daily with a saturated solution of boric acid, applied by means of clean absorbent cotton swabs, and once or twice daily apply iodoform salve to the skin under the eyes to keep the flies away.

BLACK TONGUE.—Will you tell me if my dog was poisoned or had some disease. He refused to eat or drink. In trying to drink, his tongue was affected in such a way that he couldn't lap the water. Soon after, he began slobbering, and on examination I found that his mouth was black but not his tongue. A bloody substance was emitted from the alimentary canal. When I poured water in his mouth it seemed difficult for him to swallow it, and he coughed after it. The slobbers became thick and yellowish and had a red tinge. He lived eight days. G. C.

A.—The dog, in all probability, died of black tongue which is common and malignant in the Southern states, but in all such cases it is highly important to have a veterinarian examine the affected dog as rabies (hydrophobia) may be mistaken for the other disease. There is no specific remedy for black tongue but good results have been reported from swabbing or spraying the mouth with water tinged light blue with sulphate of copper, or pink with permanganate of potash. Borax, also, should be given in water to cut the phlegm in the throat.

AILING COW.—My Jersey cow, three years old, has her second calf. At times she is hearty and seems well, but every few weeks she loses her appetite and won't eat or drink and stands and grinds her teeth. She eats green grass better than anything. Mrs. L. C. D.

A.—Indigestion is a common cause of such symptoms but as tuberculosis is a probable cause it always is well to have the tubercular test applied by a veterinarian. Meanwhile, give her one half an ounce of aromatic spirits of ammonia, two drams of fluid extract of gentian root and three drops of fluid extract of nuxvomica twice daily in a pint of thin gruel or flaxseed tea. Gradually increase the dose of nux but go back to the first dose if any alarming symptoms appear. Try feeding whole oats, wheat, bran and corn.

SNUFFLES.—When my rabbits are from two to four months old they take sick, hold their heads up high, fall over and die. Their bowels are loose and a jelly-like substance passes from the stomach and large bowel. I am careful about feeding them green stuff. Can you tell me what to do for snuffles? M. E.

A.—It is usual to destroy rabbits affected with snuffles and then start afresh with sound stock in new quarters. There is no medicinal remedy, but if you can employ a qualified veterinarian he may be able to do some good by use of a bacterin against the disease. The supposed indigestion probably is merely a complication or symptom of snuffles. We should advise you to move unaffected rabbits into new quarters with large runs or good grass pasture and then feed carefully.

LEAKING TEATS.—I have a cow seven years old that loses her milk. Is there a remedy for it and if so what is it? Mrs. J. F. A.

A.—Milk three times daily; if this doesn't mend matter, apply melted wax or paraffin to the tips of the teats after each milking. As a last resort, apply flexible collodion in the same way until the skin becomes irritated when treatment should be discontinued for some time.

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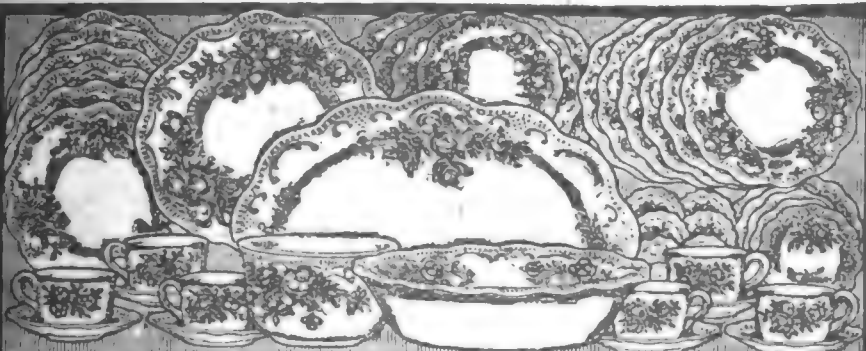
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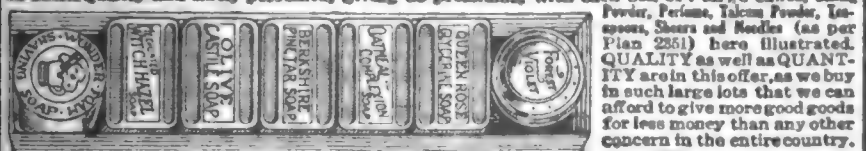
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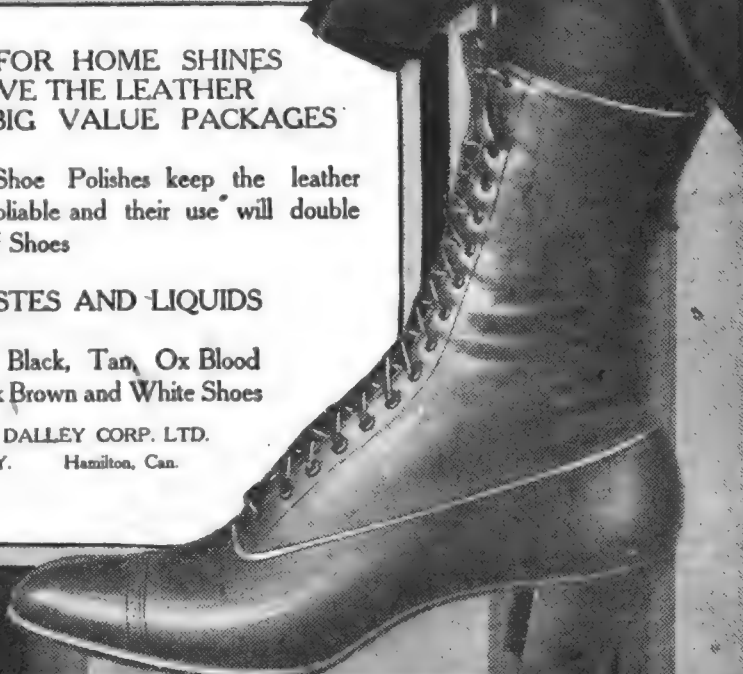
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Slothful Sylvia

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proof that they had reached the parting of their ways?

She lifted herself on an elbow and strained toward a mirror. Her plump cheeks, massaged by an inexperienced hand, were red and tear-stained; her over-curl hair was grotesque. She settled back on the bed, whimpering.

After a little she went for comfort to the nursery. Peter looked warm and uncomfortable; heat and a too-indulgent attitude toward dirt had started a rash on his sensitive skin. With an uprush of tenderness, Sylvia bent over and kissed him.

"You are all that mother has left," she whispered.

Finally she went to bed, but not to sleep. When she heard Roger's latch-key and his approaching footsteps, she lay breathless, listening. He paused for an instant before her door before going on to his room. Sylvia sobbed again, this time very gently.

She was up and dressed early the next morning but a blend of pride and anger kept her above stairs till her husband had left. Then, as on the previous morning, she went directly to the kitchen.

"Good morning, Della," she began. "Did you give Mr. Manning eggs this morning?"

"I did that. Him and Master Peter, too. I fried—"

"Della! You know that I don't approve of fried things for Peter."

Della began her familiar prologue: "If you ain't satisfied—"

"I am not," Sylvia cut in sharply. "Hereafter you will obey orders, Della."

"I'll leave if—"

"Come to think of it, you will leave any way. You are discharged, Della."

With Della gone, Sylvia flew about the house with unwonted energy. "We'll see," she paused frequently to say, whether Betty Farriday or any other female efficiency expert sets her foot in my house in the role of teacher. I'd like to catch one of them at it!

She set the house to rights and marketed by telephone before retrieving Peter from the yard to superintend a bath.

Delighted with the attention, Peter was unusually responsive and Sylvia, yearning for any sign of attention to salve her bruised spirit, chattered with him gaily.

They ate a cheerful luncheon of bread and milk and, with the vegetables and a roast in the long disused fireless cooker, Sylvia raced for the train to town.

She was about to do something very distasteful. She had made an appointment with Roger's sister and was on her way to keep it. She knew intuitively that Jean had never approved of her, yet it was to her that she turned in her necessity.

She entered Jean's artistic bachelor apartment and stated her errand briefly. "And I don't want you to take the trouble to be kind," she finished.

"I have made a lovely mess of things and you know it. Roger has forged miles ahead of me. My task is to catch up and keep abreast of him. I shall lose my spiritual breath many times, of course. Honestly, Jean, what do you think of my chances?"

Jean looked at her, a new look of respect in her eyes. "Do you know what we called you in college?" she asked.

Sylvia shook a dispirited head.

"Slothful Sylvia! And Betty used to say that you were built without a self-starter."

"Betty!"

"You placed a whole hymn of hate in that one word, Sylvia. Just why?"

"I am afraid of her, Jean. Roger always liked her. As a young widow in business, she is adorable. She has come to Brookhurst to live and they are thrown together a lot."

Jean opened her lips to speak, thought better of it, and relapsed into silence.

"You know, Sylvia," she began after a moment, "if you accomplish anything, you'll have to fight like the devil."

"That doesn't frighten me, Jean."

"It may before you're done. You know you are rather a fright. Your clothes are all wrong and you are far too—ample."

"Thank you for not calling me fat," Sylvia smiled wanly.

Sylvia reached home first that afternoon and made painstaking preparations for dinner. When Roger came, he entered the dining-room frolicking with Peter to hide the fact that he was ill at ease. All day he had been calling himself a brute. If Sylvia had been in a melting mood he would have undone all that he had accomplished.

But Sylvia was unapproachable. She held up a cheek for his kiss and immediately placed herself out of his range.

"Our handmaiden decamped?" he inquired as she began to serve the dinner.

She nodded. "I am going to try getting along alone for a month," she returned.

The next morning Sylvia was up at daybreak. With teeth clenched, she went under the cold shower. After dressing carefully, she went below and opened the house. Spring, elusive for so long, was upon them. She stood for a moment at an open door, wondering what the budding season would bring to her.

That morning Roger mused uneasily on his way to town. "I seem to have started something," he thought ruefully. "But, anyway," he added, brightening, "that was a darned good breakfast."

That day Sylvia met Jean in town and together they went to a dressmaker. "It is obviously going to be expensive," the former said on coming out several hours later, "but if it does the business, it will be a bargain."

Jean bundled her into a taxicab and gave the driver the address of a famous physical director. "Just to get you started, you know," she explained. "I take it that you want speedy results."

The next few months were busy ones for Sylvia. She managed the house so that the most discriminating could find no flaw. She placed herself under Doctor Mason's direction in the care of Peter.

She golfed and cold-showered, and her flabby flesh grew firm as her body became slender. Her blue eyes took on the brilliance of sapphires and the golden lights were tempted to come out in her carefully-tended hair.

Nor was her gain all physical. She found what the club would study the next winter and did some advance reading on the subjects.

And she grew steadily in popularity. Roger was now identified with the Brewster forces and Mrs. Brewster had elected to be very gracious to her.

It was not a miracle that Sylvia had performed—it was what any woman could do by setting her sluggish mind and body at work.

But she was not happy. Her husband, she was convinced, had been unnecessarily cruel and she shut him away from her by an impalpable barrier. She repulsed his advances till hurt pride caused him to cease to make them.

She knew that he was seeing a great deal of Betty Farriday. Frequently Peter, going to meet him, would return with the news that "fardie was walking with the pretty lady." Often, between the two, she intercepted intimate smiles, came upon them in earnest conversation.

With all her woman's weapons, Sylvia fought stubbornly on. She would make herself as desirable as she could, but she would permit no uprush of emotion on either side to bring him to her feet.

One night in late summer, Sylvia entertained. Betty, never more radiant, was among the guests. After dinner, Roger drew her into the dim library where Sylvia, a few moments later, came upon them.

Betty's hands were in his and her ardent face was upturned to meet his eyes. Silently Sylvia went back to her guests. The remainder of the evening was torment, but she took it with her chin up.

Her guests gone, she went wearily up to her room. She had fought the good fight. At what spiritual and physical expense no one guessed, she had overcome inertia. And to what purpose? What did it matter that the fog-blue frock that she wore became her so well? What did anything matter?

She wheeled and faced her husband. "I don't know that you will be interested," he said from the threshold, "but Betty wants me to tell you."

"Indeed!" Her voice was cool and steady but there was a hideous stricture at her throat. "She is going to be married next week to a man just home from reconstruction work in France."

Sylvia fell back a step, catching at a chair to steady her weak knees.

"You were splendid tonight, Sylvia; I was very

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Home Sewing and Millinery

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Cross directions for a baby's hood was to cast on about forty stitches, using No. 5 needles. Knit a strip about fourteen inches long, or so that when laid over the child's head it will meet under the chin to within three inches, and bind off. Take up the stitches along one side, knit on about seven ribs, bind off and then turn back for front edge of hood. Sew together the other edge and the hood is shaped. Around the neck edge crochet a run for the ribbon and edge with scallops. With this idea in mind, the size can readily be changed.

One who knits socks will have no trouble in cutting out worn heels and knitting in new, and when once accomplished it is less work and far more satisfactory than filling in large holes with a darning stitch. In cutting out the worn part, cut only within half-an-inch of where the stitches are to be taken up, as this gives a chance to ravel back from the line of cutting. New toes may also be knitted on, making practically a new pair of socks.

After raveling wool, it is made into skeins, worked up and down in a lukewarm suds, rinsed in two waters of same temperature and hung to dry without wringing. This removes all the "kinks."

Millinery at Home

The milliners will tell you that home hat making has greatly cut into their business. Years back, this state of affairs would have been quite impossible, for hat making was hopelessly complicated, and it required a professional "maker" and trimmer to do the trick. Nowadays, it is quite another thing, for shapes that are designed for little trimming, frames to be covered that cost about thirty-five cents, or a band of buckram and some silk, makes up the majority of materials from which hats are made. Such hats are easily copied, and the home-made hat has come to stay for a time at least.

Some of the very prettiest hats are made by taking an old straw hat, cutting away the brim to within one inch of the crown and gathering onto either side of the inch of remaining brim, close to the crown, a frill of ribbon. It should be just wide enough to give the desired size of hat at the outer edge. Between the two thicknesses of ribbon, lightly tack here and there a piece of hat wire three-quarters as long as the ribbon is wide. This will hold the ribbon brim as the wearer may choose to shape it. Bring the selvage edges of the two ribbons together and lightly tack at intervals. If the crown requires freshening, brush, and color to match ribbon. Dyes that color straw can usually be bought at drug stores. The process is very simple.

For a becoming fall hat (see Page 17), make a band of buckram to fit the head. It should be cut slightly circular, so that when sewed together the top will be a little smaller round. It should not fit closely as the velvet will take up the head size. Bind both edges with a bias piece of muslin. Cover the top with velvet, letting it lap well onto the band. Fold a strip of bias velvet, and cut it about one and a half times as wide as the band is high. Seam together, turn, baste the two bias edges together and run in two strong draw threads. It will put on easier if separate draw strings are in each half. Sew the shirred edge to the inside of the band, letting the velvet lap well. Arrange gathers evenly. Cut a bias band of velvet to cover the buckram, wide enough to turn in on each side, and long enough to fit fairly smooth at the lower edge. Seam together. Run in two draw strings at the top edge with a fine stitch, and sew this edge to velvet top at edge of crown. It is best to baste the shirred-edge flat on the wrong side and make a smooth seam through the first shirring. Turn down, put a long basting way around, turn under the lower edge and tack to place. This soft brim can be turned back, at the most becoming angle. Line with silk or cotton muslin, cutting an oval top and sewing on a bias strip much as the outside is made.

Brother's old felt hat was the foundation used in making the pretty style shown in the first illustration. Put the felt hat on the head after the sweat-band has been removed. If small, it can be considerably stretched, but if not large enough, cut off the brim and then cut four straight slits from outer edge of hat to about half way up the crown; one each side of front and back. Fit a loose, narrow band of buckram to the head and over it draw the hat, letting the slit places spread to fit, then pinning and later sewing them firmly. Use the cut-off brim from which to shape the one shown in picture. The back and sides are short, while the front is deeper. It will probably be necessary to slit and lap the brim at intervals to get the straight front. If the head size has been made larger, set pieces into the back part of brim where it is short. Cover the brim smoothly from bias strips. Cover the crown with a circular piece gathered at the edge. It should fit a little loosely onto the felt crown. Lap the crown onto the brim and sew together. Trim with ribbon band and finish with graceful bow.

On-plain shapes, crocheted bands and flowers from worsteds are very popular.

When hat frames are to be covered smoothly, hold the covering in place with a large rubber band and arrange the folds under it. This holds them in place until sewed.

Hanging a Skirt

See Illustration

Unless a skirt hangs perfectly, it is without style. It must be about one quarter of an inch shorter in the back than in front. When skirts are made of checks or plaids, and the wearer takes them up evenly front and back, the skirt may be "lifted" a little higher into the belt at the back and thereby shorten the quarter inch. Or, the wearer may "take up" a skirt a quarter inch, and if so, by making it even length the same result is obtained. But for women who are large and cannot so easily hang a skirt, the home dress-maker must have assistance, and here it is.

Put apart the dining-room table just enough to admit and hold a sharply-pointed piece of chalk. If this type of table is not available, lay the chalk flat on the table and hold it steadily with a flatiron. Have the skirt in the belt and finished. Put it on and stand against the chalk so that the mark will come well below the hips. If the table is too high, stand on a box or something steady that will bring the elevation right. Slowly turn until you have a connecting white line. Remove the skirt and lay it flat on the table. Measure the front to see what portion of the skirt length has been taken between the belt and chalk line, and deduct that number of inches from the entire skirt length to edge of hem. Whatever number of inches remain, take them as your guide and mark your skirt all the way around and turn hem on chalk mark. The skirt cannot help being even, as the skirt always "takes up" between the belt and below hips.

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Mrs. J. S., Reeds Mills, Ohio.—The blue spots on face and body are due to thin blood. Try Basham's mixture, in tablespoonful doses, three times a day after meals.

Mrs. B. K., Providence, Ky.—Eat good wholesome food and take Basham's mixture in tablespoonful doses after meals, well diluted. This should build you up.

Mrs. E. B., Casey, Ill.—You better have your blood examined for some blood trouble. In the meantime you can take five-grain doses of the iodide of potassium, in water, after meals. Apply to the scalp a two per cent solution of resorcin dissolved in equal parts of grain alcohol and rose water. Apply this lotion two or three times a day, for a few days, and then only once a day.

Mrs. W. E. D., Richardson, Kan.—You have an inflammation of the bladder and must have the bladder washed out, several times, by your local doctor. You may also take five-grain doses of urotropin, three times a day after meals. The yellow spots are due to an auto-intoxication. The remedy above mentioned, including the bladder irrigation, and not the result in general.

Mrs. C. E. W., Pahokee, Fla.—For the numbness of hand and forearm, nothing is better than massage, electricity, and 1-60 gr. tablet, three times a day, of strichnia sulph. after meals, to be taken only on your doctor's prescription.

Mrs. W. B., Sharon, Pa.—For the bladder trouble, take five-grain tablets of urotropin after meals, three times a day, and drink plenty of good spring water, as well. A good tonic for your husband would be Basham's mixture, taken in tablespoonful doses after meals well diluted.

Mrs. E. S., Okeechobee, Fla.—Try five-grain pills of asafetida after meals for the nervous dyspepsia you complain of. Of course, avoid any food that is likely to cause distress in the stomach, such as sweets, pastry and the like.



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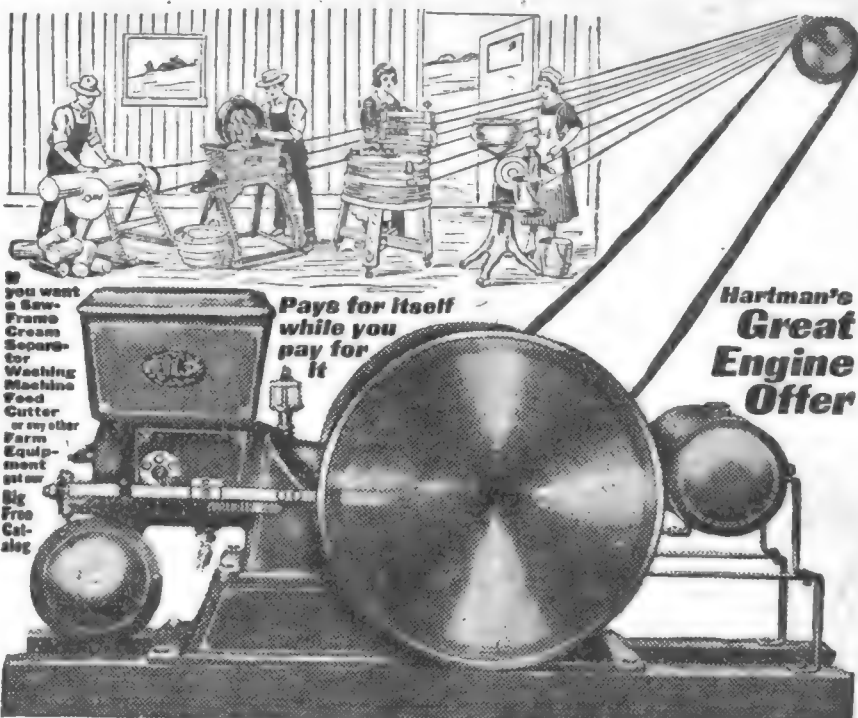
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Slothful Sylvia

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proud of you. Don't you think I have been punished enough?"
"Was Betty telling you—that when you were holding hands?" she asked weakly.
"Bless you, no! Jean and I have known it for months. Did you catch us holding hands, Sylvia?" he asked, smiling.
She nodded. "I nearly d-died," she confessed shyly.
"She was only thanking me for some business I have closed up for her. Betty is the kind of girl who can't thank you without holding hands."
"I nearly died," Sylvia repeated dazedly.
He reached her side at a bound. "Does that mean that you love me—that I am forgiven?" he asked eagerly.
"You must be very stupid if you have to ask," she faltered.
She found herself against his breast and felt his lips pressed to her shining hair.

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The Modern Farmer

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Poultry

Every farm should be equipped with a well-built henhouse, brooder pens and every necessity to keep the poultry supply up to the demands of the family needs. The farm wife should not be expected to care for a flock of poultry with old dry goods boxes or any old shelter she is able to nail up herself.

After all, with a big variety of vegetables, an abundance of milk, cream and butter, store shelves loaded with sauces and jellies, the curing room hung with ham and bacon and a big flock of poultry for fries, bakes and stews, is it any wonder that the farmer cannot literally live off the "fat of the land"?

He can and should if he makes the vegetable garden, the orchard, the fruit garden, the raising and curing of meat, the proper care of poultry as much a main issue of his farming as the raising of corn and oats.

Pin Money Crops

It is in these days of the high cost of everything the farmer must buy, and the comparative low price of what he has to sell that the farmer's wife likes to have an income, no matter how small, that she can really call her own, with which she can buy the little extras that may not be actual necessities. It may be some convenience or labor-saving device in the home, or some little luxury that she may think she cannot have if the money is to be taken out of the farm income.

The farm that is located near a town or city or on a good automobile road has an advantage in disposing of any surplus crop that the wife may have to sell.

The farm garden is a good source of income. In a good farm garden there are always times when there are more vegetables than the family can use—particularly radishes, lettuce and the kind which do not admit of canning or storage. These the wife and children can prepare in an attractive manner and sell them either to the grocery in the city or by advertising the fact with a bulletin board in front of the house. The farmer's wife who lives near a large town can prepare hampers of vegetables for a few customers she may have. Town people are glad to pay extra for strictly fresh vegetables. If the farm wife lives on a farm that has a good fruit garden and orchard, extra apples or berries will prove a splendid pin money crop.

Save the Windfalls

So many farmers let the windfalls rot on the ground or turn their hogs in to eat them when with a little care they can be harvested to good advantage. Close watch should be made of the apple orchard and the windfalls picked up at once and sorted. Ready sale is realized if they are taken to a town market or sold to the grocer or to special customers. Many people in town are glad to get such fruit as it is usually sold below the price that is demanded for the later and more perfect apples.

If the farm is not located near enough to deliver the fruit often it can be canned and sold as "home canned fruit" at an exchange or grocery. In these days of the high cost of sugar, fruit can be canned for pies, unsweetened, and hotels, restaurants or boarding-houses are very glad to get it.

Sell Flowers

Flowers also can be made a source of income. In some groceries, flowers are sold as a sideline, and come from farms near the city. One can buy sweet peas, pansies, daisies, asters and such old-fashioned flowers for about half that is paid at the greenhouse. Also boxes of flowering plants are for sale in the spring, ready to set out without bothering with planting the seeds.

Market Herbs

An herb garden is also quite an addition to the "pin money" crops. Many varieties such as balm, fennel, horehound, lavender, pennyroyal, peppermint, sage, are perennial and require only the picking and care in drying.

We all know how hard it is to get good sage for meat dressings, or dill for pickles, or lavender for perfuming linen.

Some farms have a bulletin board in front of the house and advertise what is for sale.

Dispose of Vegetables

In planning for "pin money" crops, it is well to raise some vegetable or fruit or herb that there is generally a scarcity of. There is always a ready sale for slicing cucumbers, small beets, celery, head lettuce, muskmelons, sweet peppers, asparagus, egg plant or kohlrabi, almost all herbs, aromatic, savory or medicinal, are hard to get, and with any market at all, all kinds of extra fruit can be turned into a "pin money" crop.

Sell the Extra Berries

Blackberries are easy to grow and in many localities demand a good price. It's surprising how many blackberries can be raised from a small patch. A good big patch of hardy blackberries

will mean a substantial addition to the "pin money" crop. They pack down very little after being picked and the boxes can be filled rapidly.

If the children are paid for picking them they will be eager for a big blackberry patch to add to the "pin money."

The thrifty housewife who lives near a town or city or on a good automobile road need not let any surplus fruit or vegetables go to waste. With the help of her boys and girls she may be able to realize quite a tidy sum at the end of the vegetable or fruit season.

Questions and Answers

KILLING CANADA THISTLES.—We have a lot of Canada thistles on our farm. Can you tell us how to destroy them?
W. P. S., Plymouth, Ind.

A.—When Canada thistles abound, the best plan is to plow very deep in autumn and then seed to rye or winter wheat that may be harvested early. After removing the fall-seeded crop, plow shallow, disk well and seed to corn or late potatoes that have to be cultivated or hoed. So far as possible, no thistle should be allowed to show above ground. If some of them are allowed to bloom, small patches should be plowed under and the land then kept so constantly disked and harrowed that not a thistle shows up for one or two years. We have smothered little patches by covering with tar paper and weighting the paper down with stones. Heavy mulching with sorghum straw also works pretty well. Saturating two or three times with a strong solution of sulphate of iron also may be tried.

AILING DEWBERRIES.—Our dewberries have very long stalks and the berries on the ends of them dried up before they were ripe. I would like to know whether the ends should have been cut off, and, if so, when is the proper time to prune them?
R. A., Escondido, Calif.

A.—The bushes should be well pruned by an expert in fall, or very early spring, and the land should be deeply cultivated, well manured and then heavily mulched around the bushes to conserve moisture. If the mulching cannot well be done, seed to a cover crop of buckwheat, clover or any crop that succeeds well in your district. We suspect that drying out of the root growths has caused withering of ends of stems. It would be well, however, to take the advice of experienced fruit growers in your district, as some local cause may be present and understood by such growers, or some plant disease be the cause and require special treatment. Meanwhile, apply to the state agricultural experiment station for a bulletin on cultivation of the dewberry.

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The alarming deficiency of iron in the blood of so many women of today has been explained by a number of doctors as being due to the abnormal hurry and strain of modern life, as well as worry and over-work, and our refined, unnatural diet. These all tend to drain the natural iron from the blood faster than the body can replace it without assistance. Under these conditions we should feed the blood with organic iron, and Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and Westchester County Hospital, explains below why organic iron, like Nuxated Iron, is administered to nervous and run-down women to make them stronger, healthier, and happier.

"Every woman has the right to years of vigor and health. But many

a woman cheats herself of her best years by allowing lack of iron in her blood to undermine her health.

"To me the saddest feature of modern life is the number of unhappy, careworn women who might so easily regain happiness and health. Doctors' offices are filled with women who are constantly tired, pale, sickly, uninterested in life. I am convinced that many such women, by simply putting iron in their blood, might readily build up rich red blood, increase physical energy, and get themselves into a condition to ward off the millions of disease germs that are almost continually around us. To put the necessary iron in the blood, I have prescribed Nuxated Iron many, many times, and I have seen frequent instances where it gave renewed

strength and energy, increased power of endurance, steady nerves, and the rosy bloom of health in about ten days or two weeks' time. I consider Nuxated Iron one of the foremost blood and body builders—the best to which I have ever had recourse."

MANUFACTURERS' NOTE.—Nuxated Iron, which is recommended above, is not a secret remedy but one which is well known to druggists everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated and does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach. Each tablet of genuine Nuxated Iron is stamped as follows and the words Nuxated Iron are stamped into each bottle, so that the public may not be led into accepting inferior substitutes. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists.



"Where Are My Best Years Going?"

asks many a woman who sits indoors, too tired to play, too listless to enjoy the good things of life. Dr. Sullivan in the accompanying article explains how women may quickly regain their health and happiness by the use of organic iron—like Nuxated Iron.

NUXATED IRON

For Anaemic, Nervous, Run Down People

The Modern Wash Day

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class of things which require care a little out of the ordinary, and the right treatment prolongs their usefulness. Many things are made to look like new when ironed or smoothed by being drawn back and forth across an inverted iron. A small home-made rack through which the handle of the iron slips will hold it securely.

Hair ribbons washed in a strong suds made from fine soap, and rinsed in two or more waters containing a very little soap, made partly dry by folding in a towel and finished by drawing across a moderately hot inverted iron, will look surprisingly well. Never rub ribbon, but cleanse by working it up and down in water. A strip of muslin held under the ribbon as it is smoothed over the iron gives even a better finish.

Often velvet looks worn when it is only defaced by dust and the nap being crushed. It can be restored by first thoroughly brushing with a soft brush, then laying a wet cloth over the back of the velvet, and lifting the two together and passing them slowly over a hot inverted iron, the wet cloth next to the iron. If any hard creases do not yield at once, do a little brushing as the velvet steams. Many materials are freshened by steaming over an inverted iron.

Laces and loose-stitch embroideries that the iron is liable to catch in should be done over an inverted iron.

Washing Sweaters

So many sweaters are never wearable again after washing because it was not properly done.

At least, they look so badly from stretching and twisting that they are not presentable for good wear. All this is unnecessary, for a sweater is very easily washed. First, taking white, gray, brown or dark blue, there is little danger of color changing. For such, make a strong, lukewarm suds and soak the sweater twenty minutes. Wash by squeezing with the hands or using a hand washer. Do not work up and down as the weight of water may stretch the wool. Make a second and third suds and put the sweater through without soaking. Put through tepid rinse waters until clear. When changing from one water to another, never wring the sweater. It may be squeezed a very little. There is really only one way to dry a sweater properly. It should be laid out flat on thin muslin or cheese-cloth stretched tight from four corners, hammock-fashion. The accompanying illustration shows such an arrangement. In this way the water drains out evenly and it quickly dries. Select a bright, windy day.

Where the color of a sweater seems doubtful, first soak in half-a-pailful of lukewarm water to which four tablespoons of turpentine and one cup of salt have been added. Wash as above described. It is well to sew up all buttonholes before washing sweaters.

Soap Bark Washing

A solution of soap bark is excellent for woolen dress materials, colored corduroy, woolen middy blouses, men's trousers, etc. It can be purchased cheaply at drug stores or general merchandise stores. Make a solution by boiling one cup of soap bark and one quart of water five minutes. Strain and mix with wash water. Rinse through several waters and hang to dry dripping wet.

Don't Send a Penny

This season's most sensational waist model—such a wonderful value that we do not hesitate to send it on simple request without a cent in advance. Send no money. Just the coupon brings this exquisite sash and beautiful creation for examination, try-on and comparison with all waists costing nearly twice our low special bargain price.

Send Now! Beautiful Hand-Embroidered

Pure Silk
Georgette
Waist



Send Now

Your name and address on coupon brings this splendid waist—the wonderful waist that every woman wants! No money now. Pay only \$3.98 for waist on arrival. Examine and try it on. Compare it with waists selling at from \$5.00 to \$7.50 and if you are not delighted with the stunning style and exceptional saving, return waist and we will refund your money. Order white by No. BX700; flesh by No. BX701; peach by No. BX702; navy blue by No. BX703; and be sure to state size wanted.

LEONARD-MORTON & CO., Dept. 7146 Chicago

Send me Silk Waist marked X in 10 boxes. I will pay \$3.98 for waist on arrival and examine it carefully. If not satisfied, will return it and you will refund my money.

☐ White ☐ Flesh ☐ Peach ☐ Navy Blue

Name.....

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I WILL BUY THE LOT FREE

This means just what it says. I don't want your money. This is a true offer and I positively mean what I say. I give the house FREE, and if you don't own a lot, I will arrange for the lot for you. This is your chance to free yourself from the landlord's clutches. Rush me your name and address quick for a big picture and full description and plans of the home. You risk nothing.

PAY ME NOTHING

Now or Any Time. Remember, I do not want any of your money. The house is FREE.

Address **C. E. MOORE, Pres., Home Builders Club, Dept. 600, Batavia, Ill.**



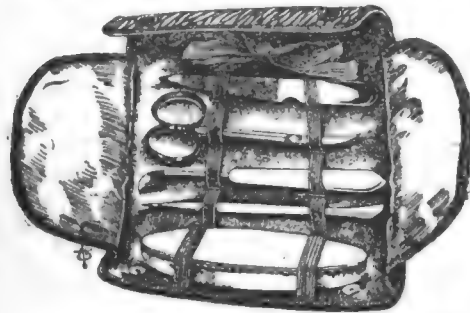
Beautiful Silk Remnants

REMNANTS of real silk, in all shapes, sizes and colors. They are carefully trimmed and just what you need for making up quilts, tidies, pillow tops and all kinds of "crazy patchwork." We will send you a package containing more than one hundred of these beautiful silk pieces and 5 skeins embroidery cotton in different bright colors, also an Instruction Book with eight full-page illustrations showing how to ornament seams of crazy patchwork and other work where fancy stitches are used, also how to work the Outline and Kensington Stitch, Arrasene and Chénille Embroidery, ribbon work, plush or tufted stitch, also directions for Kensington painting. All this is yours free upon the terms of the following special offer:

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you one package of these Silk Remnants free by parcel post, prepaid. Premium No. 5561.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

5-Piece Manicure Set In A Roll-Up Leather Case



Given For A Club Of Four

A PRACTICAL and beautiful set, containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 4-inch flexible polished steel nail file, a pair of 3 1/2-inch polished steel curved nail scissors, a 4 1/2-inch cuticle knife with ivory white handle, a 4-inch ivory white nail stick, and a 3 1/2-inch nail polisher or buffer with ivory white top. All these articles are neatly contained in a moiré-lined, genuine black leather case, measuring 5 1/2 inches wide and 6 inches from end to end when opened. The case rolls up as shown in illustration, and fastens with two snap clasps. In this form it resembles a miniature pocketbook, and is just as convenient to carry, as it measures only 5 1/2 x 2 inches and only 1 inch in thickness.

Although we offer this manicure set for an unusually small club, please understand that each and every piece is strictly high-grade, and regulation size. We know that every woman and girl who accepts this offer and earns one of these splendid manicure sets will be more than delighted with it. It is free on the terms of the following

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Box Of Initial Stationery



Latest Style Monogram

IT is now the height of fashion and evidence of the very best taste to use stationery with your own monogram initial or "crest" on it. In this offer we give you two dozen sheets white linen stationery 10 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches in size, each sheet beautifully embossed in colors with any monogram initial you desire and two dozen envelopes. Just think how nice it will be when writing to your friends to have your own letter crest monogram initial embossed in colors on this high-grade fine quality stationery. Remember you get one full quire of choice paper and twenty-four envelopes in this complete writer's outfit. Don't hesitate to send for this premium today because you will surely be delighted with it.

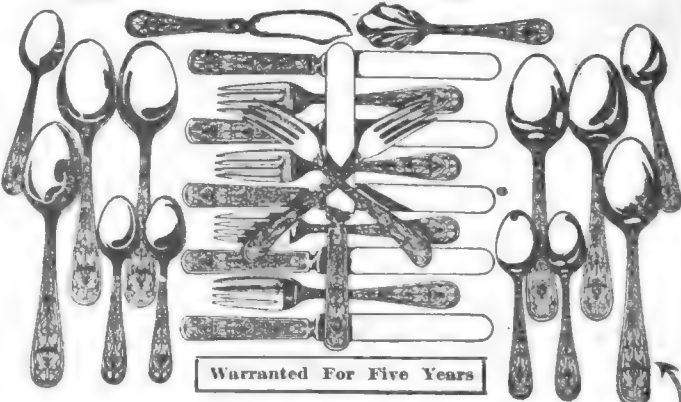
Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you a box of this Initial Stationery and Complete Writing Outfit free by parcel post, prepaid. When ordering be sure to specify what monogram initial you want. Premium No. 9482.

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26-Piece Table Set

Yours Prepaid For A Club Of Seven

WE have in the past made many offers of table-ware, but this is the first time we have been able to offer a complete set of 26 Pieces in return for so small a club. And please don't think that because we are giving this set on liberal terms that it is plated on a brass base and consequently will change color and have that "brassy" look just as soon as the plating wears off. On the contrary, it has a white metal base; therefore each and every piece is the same color all the way through and will not show signs of wear, even after years of constant use. As shown in the above illustration, there are 26 pieces in this set—6 Knives, 6 Forks, 6 Teaspoons, 6 Tablespoons, Sugar Shell and Butter Knife. Each piece is full regulation size for family use, the handles are handsomely embossed and the blades of the knives and the bowls of the teaspoons and tablespoons are perfectly plain and bright polished. It is only because we



Warranted For Five Years

buy this set in large quantities direct from the factory that we are able to secure it at a price that enables us to offer it as a premium for so few subscriptions. It is by far the greatest value we have offered and we guarantee every set sent out for a period of five years. We will send this 26-Piece Table Set exactly as illustrated and described to any address upon the terms of the following special

Club Offer. For a club of seven one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you this 26-Piece Table Set free by parcel post, prepaid. Premium No. 7397.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Genuine Gold Filled



APRIL

Guaranteed For 5 Years



AUGUST



JANUARY

Gold Birthstone Rings

THE most popular ladies' rings worn today are these beautiful birthstone rings. Not only is it considered lucky to wear one of them but they are now and always will be exceedingly stylish. We are able to illustrate only three of the rings but there are twelve in all—a different stone for each month of the year, and of course you should wear the stone that is symbolical of the month you were born. The following is a list of the twelve rings, names of the stones and the month to which they apply:

No. 8411, January, Garnet. No. 8421, February, Amethyst. No. 8431, March, Bloodstone. No. 8441, April, Diamond. No. 8451, May, Emerald. No. 8461, June, Agate. No. 8471, July, Ruby. No. 8481, August, Sardonyx. No. 8491, September, Sapphire. No. 8501, October, Opal. No. 8511, November, Topaz. No. 8521, December, Turquoise.

Each ring is guaranteed genuine gold filled, which looks exactly like solid gold and will wear for years. In fact we absolutely guarantee each ring for at least five years. The rings themselves are perfectly plain, the stones are solitaires and perfect imitations of the real gems. The setting of each ring is the ever popular "Tiffany" style. As a Christmas, Birthday or all-the-year-round gift for wife, mother, sweetheart or sister, nothing could be more appropriate and acceptable than one of these beautiful guaranteed rings set with the birthstone of the person to whom it is given. We will send you one of these rings free upon the terms of the following offer:

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you one of these beautiful gold-filled Rings by parcel post, prepaid. Please be sure to give size and number of ring wanted.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Shaggy Teddy Bear

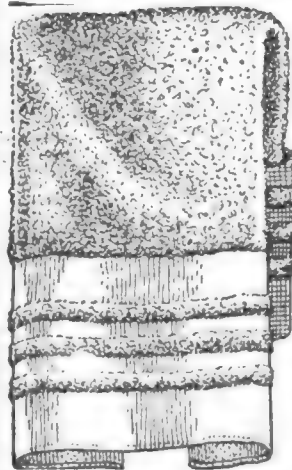
EVERY little boy and girl wants a Teddy Bear and here is an opportunity for every father or mother who reads COMFORT to get one without expense. "Teddy" is a plump, shaggy fellow, 10 inches tall, made of brown plush, carefully stitched and finished, and his head and legs are jointed in such a manner that you can place him in almost any position. He will stand up, sit down, stand on his head, walk on all fours, in fact he gets himself into all kinds of positions, so comical and lifelike that it makes the children scream with delight just to look at him. Teddy is so well made that he cannot easily become broken, and with ordinary care should last for years. We will send you Teddy free if you will accept the following special offer:

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Teddy Bear free and prepaid. Premium No. 9472.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Two Turkish Towels

Good-Size Soft And Fleecy



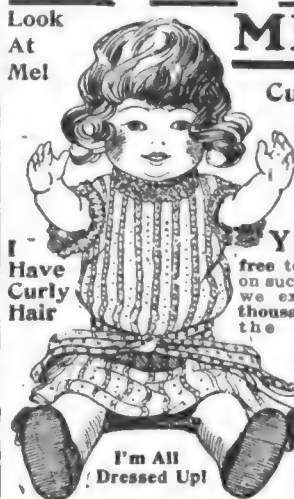
the tender skin. The towels offered here are 15 inches wide and 32 inches long which is a good convenient size for all-round family use, and are of good weight, well made and finished. We will make you a present of two of these fine Turkish Towels free by parcel post, prepaid.

Given To You! For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you one pair (2) of these fine Turkish Towels free by parcel post, prepaid. Premium No. 8503.

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Whose Little Girl Wants

Look At Me!



I'm All Dressed Up!

ME? I Am The Cutest, Sweetest Baby Doll in Toyland and You Can Have Me FREE!

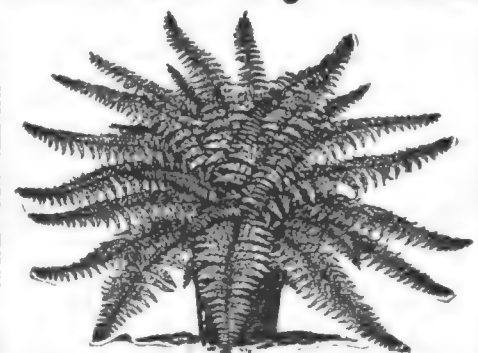
YES, this beautiful, curly-haired doll is free to any little girl and on such liberal terms that we expect to give away thousands of them during the next few months. Don't think she is so small as she looks in the picture for she stands nearly a foot high. She has a strong, durable, stuffed body, and an indestructible head. You can make her stand up, sit down in a chair

and assume all sorts of natural positions. Her beautiful brown hair hangs in luxuriant curls, her eyes are blue as the sky, she has on a pretty trimmed dress with sash, and taken altogether she is certainly the cutest and sweetest baby doll in all toyland. Fathers and Mothers—just look at this beautiful doll as she sits smiling with arms outstretched waiting for someone to pick her up, hug her, kiss her and take her out to play. Don't you think your little girl would just love to have her for her own? We will send her to you free, packed in a strong box so she cannot possibly get broken, if you will accept the terms of the following special

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ance," as it is commonly called, is 1 1/2 feet wide and 2 1/2 feet long. The insertion is a 3-inch band of Fillet lace. The color is White or Ecru—whichever you prefer. These Curtains are all the style now, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to secure one or more of them absolutely free. And be sure to send in your order at once as our supply is limited.

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Given To You Three Beautiful PEONIES

WHITE - PINK - RED

GORGEOUS, yearly-blooming Peonies—the rival of the finest roses in size, form and color. The three varieties offered you here require but little care and attention after once being planted; they thrive anywhere, even in the coldest climates, and produce more and more flowers every season. We will send you the roots, packed in damp moss, direct from the greenhouse. You can put them in the ground at once and next summer you will know the pleasure and satisfaction of having a beautiful garden of peonies in the most glorious shades of white, pink and red. The three different varieties sent you free on this offer include

Couronne d'Or A white, semi-rose Peony that blooms in early summer, bearing immense, very full, imbricated, ball-shaped blossoms which are very solid and compactly built from edge to center. Their color is a snow-white, reflecting golden-yellow stamens that show through the petals when looking at the flower from the side. These stamens light up the whole flower with a glow that is simply indescribable and which suggests its name, "Crown of Gold." Delicate curving pencillings also appear on the edges of a few central petals. This variety is incomparably lovely and one of the best and choicest Peonies in culture.

Mademoiselle Desbuissons A pink semi-rose Peony that blooms in mid-season. Its flowers are very large, full and elegantly shaped, imbricated and flat with extra large petals of a tender, glossy pink color. The center is a delicate waxy white, the guards a handsome violet-rose color. Flower lovers pronounce this one of the most beautiful varieties.

L'Eclatante A red Bomb type Peony that blooms well into the summer. Its blossoms are very double and full. The color is a deep, brilliant, velvety-crimson. This variety makes a stately and handsome plant, every flower standing up straight and erect, well above the foliage. It is considered as one of the finest red Peonies ever grown.

The roots of these plants are all extra strong and each one contains from two to five eyes. We guarantee that they will reach you in a healthy-growing condition, ready to be placed in the ground and that they will positively bloom next season. If for any reason they do not—or if they should otherwise prove unsatisfactory—we will replace them for you free of all cost.

As the best season for planting Peonies is right now, you should send in your order at once. We will send you these three above described varieties—one white, one pink and one red—free upon the terms of the following special

CLUB OFFER! For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you the healthy, well-formed roots of the three beautiful varieties of Peonies described above, free by parcel post, prepaid. They will be mailed, carefully packed, direct from the greenhouse, and delivered to you in perfect condition, all ready for planting. Premium No. 8983.

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We Give You The Bag-Top —You Make The Bag!



Use Moire Silk Or Velvet

THESE pretty home-made bags are all the go now. Their great popularity is due to the fact that as each woman makes her own bag it is sure to be distinctive—a little different from other women's bags. It is very easy to make and inexpensive. You probably have the material on hand right now—odds and ends of silk, velvet or moire, whatever you decide to use. The tassel on the bottom is not necessary but you can easily afford to buy one as they cost only a few cents. Or you can make it yourself.

The bag-top offered you here is seven inches wide, made of handsome oxidized metal with a very deeply embossed floral design. It is the "gate-top" style—that is, each side opens out in the middle so that it really has four sides as shown in the illustration. It is also perforated along the edge with small holes to take the stitches necessary for attaching the bag. The chain is fourteen inches long.

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Want to hear from party having farm for sale, give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black, Comfort St., Chippewa Falls, Wis.

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3 Wheel Chairs in August

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Rolly Sherry, age six, can not walk or even sit alone. His right hand is paralyzed and his spine is affected, caused by sickness in infancy which left him in his present condition.

Allen Larity, age 13, has been a cripple from birth. He can sit but cannot stand, and it is doubtful whether he has sufficient use of his hands to wheel himself about in a wheel chair.

Mrs. Fannie Mitchell, age 64, has suffered severely from rheumatism the past eleven years which has crippled her. She has very little use of her legs and hands which are badly drawn and stiffened. Can not wash or dress herself or comb her own hair. Her husband,

sending them will prove great blessings to these three helpless cripples and very helpful to those who have to wait on them.

On our waiting list are many other



ANNIE LAURA LEWIS ENJOYING HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

helpless, crippled shut-ins suffering for a much needed wheel chair which they are too poor to buy; their only hope of getting one is through Comfort's Wheel-Chair Club. Do your bit this month to help them get one. Better still, get your name in next month's Roll of Honor.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT,

Publisher of COMFORT.

P.S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a huge and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

Can Go Most Anywhere She Wishes in Her Wheel Chair. Hartford, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gannett: Enclosed I am sending you a picture of myself in my wheel chair for use in COMFORT. Words can never express my

heart-felt thanks to you and all who helped me get my chair. I can now enjoy myself outdoors and with its help I can go most anywhere I wish to. How I wish every shut-in could have the pleasure of enjoying one of your wheel chairs. Many, many thanks, again, to you and all.

Your loving little friend,

Annie Laura Lewis.

Enjoys Her Wheel Chair

McAdams, Miss.

Dear Mr. Gannett: I received my wheel chair in May and I enjoy it so much that words can not express my appreciation of it. I would that every poor cripple in this Christian land had a wheel chair. May God bless you in the good work you are doing.

Very respectfully,

(Mrs.) Kiziah Scruggs.

Greatly Enjoys Her COMFORT Wheel Chair

Vienna, La.

Dear Mr. Gannett: Enclosed is a picture of my little crippled girl, Fannie Margaret Ball, who was awarded a wheel chair through COMFORT last May. She greatly enjoys her chair, and we, her parents, are very thankful to COMFORT for making it possible for her to get the chair, and to her many friends who assisted.

Respectfully,

(Mrs.) K. E. Ball.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions, or a dollar or more in money, to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

Mrs. Pattie Sue Oliver, Va., for Willie Ellis Oliver, 51 subs; Mrs. Ella Sherry, Texas, for Rolly Sherry, 47 subs; Mrs. Claude Halterman, Kans., for Hellen Gertrude Halterman, 42 subs and 25c; Mrs. Curtis Major, Calif., for Nicoline Amalia Henriksen, 40 subs; Mrs. Alice Stafford, Texas, for Rolly Sherry, 37 subs; Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, Ky., Own, 28 subs; Mrs. Nettie Maie Cannon, Ky., for Mrs. Sarah A. Dowdy, 27 subs; Mrs. S. M. Larity, Ga., for Allen Larity, 24 subs; Miss Alma Bell, Ariz., for Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, 21 subs; Miss Nannie Moore, Ky., for Fannie Mitchell, 21 subs; Mrs. S. C. Austin, Ark., for Edna Austin, 19 subs; Catherine Brown, Va., for James Brown, 18 subs; Mrs. Dessie Smith, Okla., for Maude Odell Smith, 14 subs; Mrs. Frances Smith, Ala., for Maude Odell Smith, 11 subs; Mrs. Barbara Keeler, Tenn., for Edna Keeler, 9 subs; Mrs. William E. Layne, Ohio, for Mrs. Mary A. Layne, 8 subs; Mrs. M. S. Bovee, Calif., for Edna Keeler, 7 subs; Mrs. Thomas E. Green, Va., for General, 5 subs; Mrs. Wesley Alderman, Va., for Jesse G. Cochran, 5 subs;

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A Good Shot

"I may be late home tonight, dear," said Jones. "You won't miss me, will you?" "Not if I see you first," replied Mrs. Jones, as she glanced towards the rolling pin on the kitchen table. —Portland Express.

Freaks

One day we heard a sideshow freak most bitterly complain: The broken glass he ate that week Gave him a brand new pane. —Springfield Union.

The touchy gottapercha man Was heard to softly blubber: "I like to peep where'er I can, But folks will holler 'Rubber!'" —Youngstown Telegram.

And Zeke, the living skeleton, Expresses his chagrin That his one chance to gain a pile Should be so very thin. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

And Mame, the fat girl in the show, Alas did realize Her only chance for easy dough Depended on her size. —Portland Express.

A Nasty Knock

Percy—"What would you do if you were a man?" Phyllis—"I don't know. What would you do?" —Portland Express.

The Jealous Cats

"What makes Ins disliked so?" "She received the most votes in the popular girl contest." —

A Seamy Costume

Waiting only to slip on a pair of shoes the deputy hurried from the house with a double-barrelled shotgun. —From our favorite newspaper of April 7.

Good Place for the Kaiser

Lucy, as a special privilege for "being good," had been promised a trip to the Zoo. "What is the Zoo?" asked Lucy. "Why, dear," explained her mother, "that's where they keep wild animals, tigers and lions." "Oh," interrupted Lucy, "and will you show me the Kaiser?"

Not the Only One

Gladys—"So she was disappointed in love." Gertrude—"Yes, before she married him she thought he had money."

No Wonder He Lost

LOST—A boneheaded man's umbrella in waiting room. Apply, etc.—Adv. in Springfield Union.

His Flattery Didn't Go

Hubby—"Your hair, my dear, is your crowning glory." Willy—"That's all right, but I need a new winter hat just the same."

Paradoxical Matches

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It seems to us a paradox—the way those matches strike; For if they are not on a strike, then why do they not work? —Portland Express.

Quite Right

Creditor—"You couldn't ride around in your fine automobile if you paid your honest debts."



Debtor—"That's so. I'm glad you look at it in the same light as I do." —Kennebec Journal.

In More Ways than One

A belle is incomplete without a ring When young; Alas we find out later on she also has a tongue.

He Was Wise Perhaps

Doctor—"Why didn't you call me before your husband became unconscious?" Wife of Patient—"Because he wouldn't let me while he had his senses."



FANNIE MARGARET BALL HAPPY IN HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

too, is an invalid afflicted with a bad lung trouble. The Comfort wheel chairs which I am



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